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1. Introduction - Brief, Scope, Vision and Aims

1.1 Why has the strategy been developed?

The strategy was initiated by Hounslow Council in response to the following specific drivers agreed with members of the Hounslow Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group in August 2015 and with Council Planning Officers at a meeting in September:

- The public health need to sustain access to and grow the use of facilities for outdoor sport and active recreation
- The need to inform the development and implementation of planning policy and to inform the assessment of planning applications, including the need to safeguard playing field sites from 'reverse sensitivity' effects (e.g. noise and/or floodlighting nuisance, restricted access) where new housing is proposed on neighbouring sites
- Potential changes to playing pitch supply and demand as a consequence of planned housing growth areas and the Council's programme for school expansions
- Increasing demand for junior cricket and facilities for non-traditional forms of the game, pressure on the usable supply of artificial grass pitches for hockey in relation to piled 3G playing surfaces, growth in demand for mini rugby causing overplay of pitches on some rugby club sites, and the changing facility demands for community football as a result of the FA's National Game Strategy for small sided pitches and to grow the proportion of youth football and mini soccer played on 3G football turf surfaces
- The need to inform Local Plan Reviews for: the Great West Corridor and West of Borough, and future updates of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2015-2030 and the Corporate Property Strategy & Asset Management Plan (2015-2025)
- Prioritisation of funding for sport and recreation from external agencies and local authority budgets, including from the Hounslow Borough community infrastructure element of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Planned and proposed improvements to strategic transport connections that, if implemented, will impact on the accessibility of playing pitch sites in the borough. These transport infrastructure projects include: a new borough cycling network consisting of 'greenways', 'Quietways' and a Cycle Superhighway linking town centres with central London; a new rail passenger service between Hounslow station and Willesden Junction via Old Oak Common (calling at Isleworth, Syon Lane and Brentford) with a connection to Crossrail; a further new rail passenger service between Brentford (Golden Mile) and Southall to provide a direct link between the employment corridor and the Great Western Mainline and planned Crossrail station at Southall. This scheme could also extend to Brentford town centre. A further proposal is to improve surface rail access to Heathrow Airport, with services originating from London Waterloo using the South West Trains network and serving stations within the borough
- The need to inform site master plans about playing pitch facility needs and priorities. The following site master plans are included in the Council's Property Strategy & Asset Management Plan to 2025 with the aim of increasing income generation and enhancing facilities at these parks and open space sites:
 - Duke's Meadows
 - Redlees Park
 - Bedfont Lakes
 - Feltham Parks
 - Hanworth Park
- The need for the Council to make a saving of £1.2 million in the parks and open spaces budget by 2019/20 while maintaining standards of maintenance.

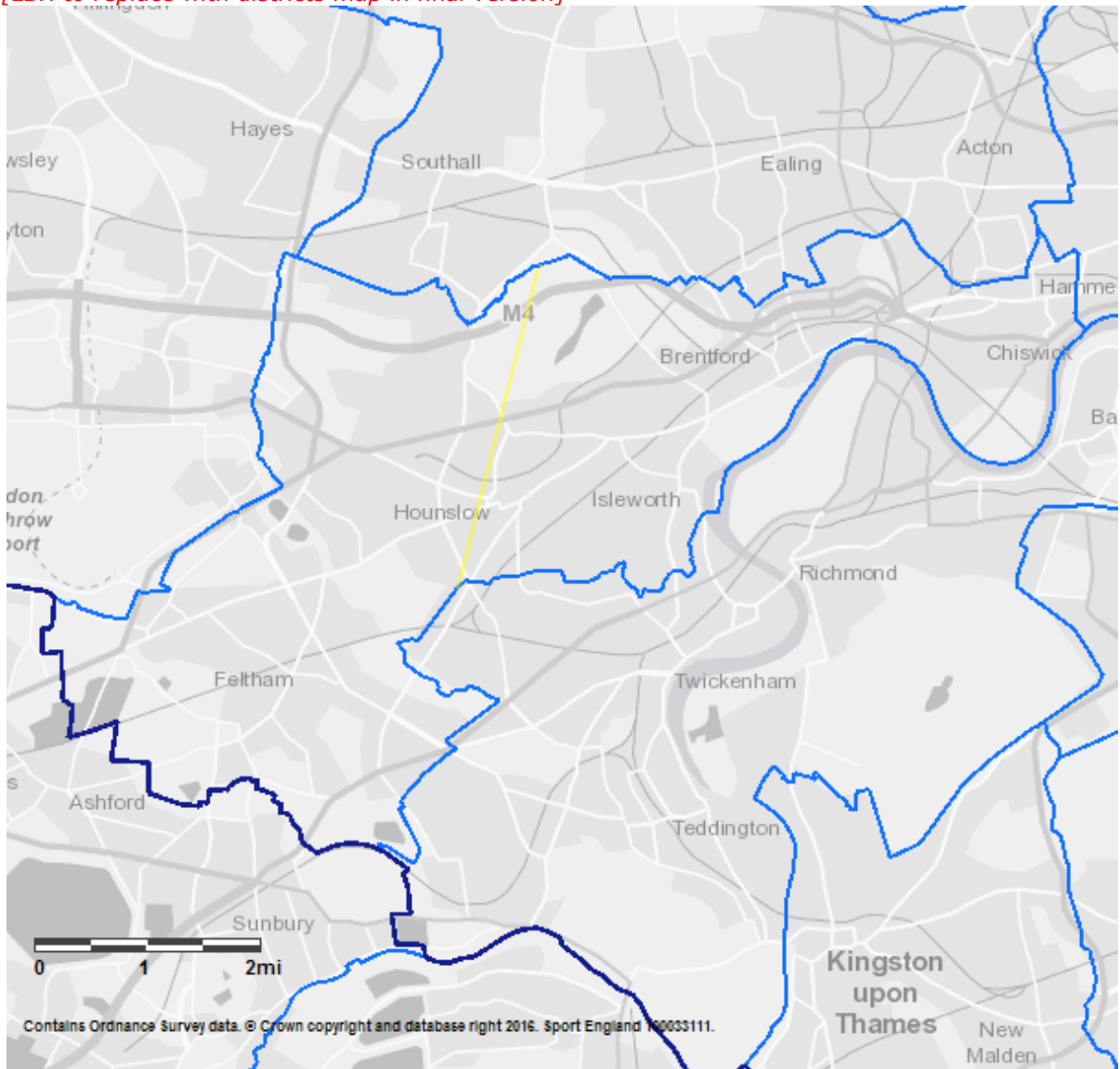
1.2 What is the extent of the study area?

The extent of the study area is within the borough boundary of Hounslow (to correspond with all local planning documents), whilst taking into account the impact of the supply of playing pitches in neighbouring boroughs and displaced demand from residents of these boroughs.

It was agreed with members of the Steering Group, on the advice of planning officers, to assess the playing pitch supply/demand balance and strategic needs according to the following sub areas as well as boroughwide:

1. EAST (5 districts of Hounslow, Osterley & Spring Grove, Isleworth, Brentford, Chiswick)
2. WEST (5 districts of Hounslow West, Cranford & Heston, Feltham, Hanworth, Bedfont)

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The rationale for the selection of these sub-areas, is the contrasting demography with the eastern districts (which include Central Hounslow), on average, characterised by greater population density and built development than the western districts. In addition, indicators of public health and participation in sport and active recreation are higher, on average, in the east than in the west correlating closely with socio-economic indicators.

1.3 Which pitch sports are included?

At a project inception meeting in June 2015 it was agreed to include within the scope of this strategy:

- Those sports named in the definition of a playing field within Sport England's Planning Policy Statement 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' -i.e. "Playing pitch – a delineated area which, together with any run off area, is of 0.2 hectares or more, and which is used for association football, American football, rugby (union and league), hockey, cricket, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo."
- Outdoor court sports - netball and tennis
- Outdoor athletics facilities
- Bowling greens

In the case of the minor sports listed within the Sport England playing pitch definition, where no demand has been found, this is clearly stated in Section 2.2 within the Summary of Key Findings.

Within the sports in scope, as far as is practicable, the strategy includes consideration of all forms of play whether:

- Club and league based (formal) play and training (including indoor nets for cricket).
- Less formal programmed forms of the respective sports (e.g. turn up and play 'products' such as Rush Hockey; Mash Up, Just Play and Walking Football; T20, Last Man Stands and Cage Cricket; Touch Rugby; Tennis for Free; Bowls Roll-Ups; Back to Netball) and
- Un-programmed play by groups of residents, workers, students, school friends out of school

1.4 How has the strategy been developed?

The strategy aims to be robust, based on local needs (currently and to 2030), and deliverable. This objective is achieved by adhering to the following ten steps as advocated in the current Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (October 2013):



Source: Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (October 2013)

For the major playing pitch sports included in the scope - i.e. football, cricket, hockey, rugby - the following **facility supply information** has been gathered and collated in accordance with Sport England's published guidance:



Similarly, for these sports, the following **demand information** has been gathered and collated:



Source: Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (October 2013)

The sources of information used to establish current pitch supply and demand and develop this strategy included:

- Sport England - Towards an Active Nation Strategy 2016-21; Active Places Power audit for playing pitches in Hounslow; Active People & Sports Market Segmentation data; summary findings for Hounslow borough of the 2016 National Run of the Facilities Planning Model (FPM) for Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs)
- National Governing Bodies (NGBs) - national strategy documents (e.g. Football Association National Game Strategy 2015-19, England Hockey Business & Brand Strategy 2013-17, Rugby Football Union Strategic Plan 2012/13-16/17, England & Wales Cricket Board One Game Strategy 2013-17, British Tennis Strategic Plan 2015-18, Bowls England Strategic Plan 2014-17, England Athletics Strategic Facilities Plan 2012-17, England Golf Raising Our Game Strategy 2014-17); insight data provided by county boards of NGBs (where available), and searches of NGB affiliated league and club websites
- Hounslow Planning Service - Local Plan 2015-2030 (Adopted Version Sept 2015); Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2015-2030; Population projections by age group; Planning Policy Guidance 17 Study - Open Space (2011) and Sport Facilities (2010) volumes
- Hounslow Parks Service (Contractor) - consultation with Parks Maintenance Team Leader in the course of guided site visits
- Hounslow Physical Activity & Sport Service - Sport & Physical Activity Strategy 2012-2022; Sport and Physical Activity Facilities Strategy (Draft Version May 2015); consultation with officers
- Site visits - non-technical inspections and quality assessments using NGB templates
- Consultation (via meetings, telcon, email) - with NGB lead officers, attendees at football and cricket club forum sessions, with site operators and grounds staff on site visits etc.
- Questionnaire Surveys - Online club survey returns and information provided in telcons and by email. A summary of the key findings of the club consultations is included at Appendix H

On completion of the site audits, the NGB representatives for the major playing pitch sports reviewed the pitch quality ratings and the pitch carrying capacity, based on the quality assessment. It is this agreed carrying capacity rating that has been used in the site-specific needs assessments.

1.5 What is the vision for the strategy and its objectives?

The Hounslow Playing Pitch Strategy is for the period to 2030 aligning with the Council's Local Plan for the period 2015 to 2030 adopted in September 2015.

The Playing Pitch Strategy contributes to both the overarching borough vision as set out in the Hounslow Community Strategy to 2030 - i.e. *'Hounslow Together will work with the community to develop the borough to be distinctive, vibrant and thriving, with a happy, high achieving community at its heart'* - and, more directly, to the borough's strategic vision for Physical Activity and Sport - i.e. *'By 2022, to create a healthier more active Borough, where residents have easy access to high quality facilities and opportunities'*.

In the context of this vision and the local drivers identified in para 1.1 above, the PPS critically evaluates the current quantity, type, quality and distribution of outdoor sports and recreational facilities within the study area, quantifies current and potential future demand (through engagement with local stakeholders and the use of demographic and other information), and provides clear future policy recommendations and actions (borough wide, by sub area, by playing pitch sport and by site) for protecting and enhancing existing playing pitch facilities and for providing new facilities where they are most needed.

The agreed key objectives of the strategy are twofold:

1. To improve public health by encouraging more people in Hounslow to get more active through ensuring facilities for playing pitch sports of appropriate quality are both available and accessible
2. To provide the Council and its partners with a robust document with an evidence base that can be reliably used to support spatial planning decisions and inform capital investment plans and external funding bids for new and/or enhanced playing pitch sports facilities.

1.6 How has the strategy process been managed and delivered?

The development of the strategy, has been managed by the Hounslow Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group comprising representatives from The England & Wales Cricket Board, Middlesex Cricket Board, The Football Association, Middlesex Football Association, England Hockey, The Rugby Football Union, Sport England, Hounslow's Planning and Physical Activity & Sport service teams and CSL Ltd, the consultants appointed to co-ordinate the strategy development to the point of the recommendations and action plan.

The PPS documentation is structured as follows:

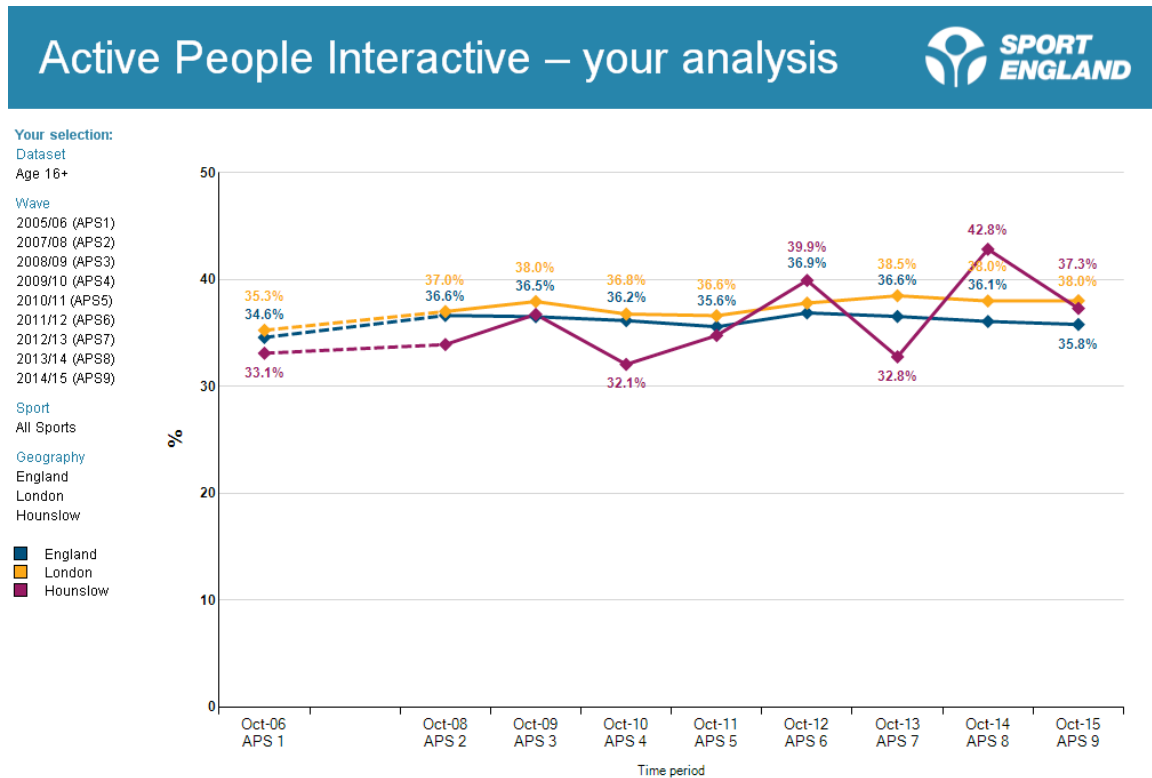
1. The *Playing Pitch Strategy* (this document) setting out the main findings and issues for playing pitch provision in Hounslow (currently and for the future), testing out a range of potential scenarios for change, and including the recommendations, strategic policies and action plans agreed by the PPS Steering Group
2. *Assessment of Need Reports* for each of the major playing pitch sports (Cricket, Football, Hockey, Rugby) providing detailed facility supply and demand information and key findings for these sports in accordance with stages B/C of the Sport England guidance (*Appendices A-D*)
3. *Assessment of Need Statements* for Bowling Greens, Tennis Courts and Other Sports (i.e athletics and the minor playing pitch sports). These statements follow the same principles in assessing supply and demand as applied for the major playing pitch sports but are less detailed reflecting a greater reliance on secondary source data as opposed to site visit assessments and consultation surveys of clubs and stakeholders (*Appendices E-G*)
4. A summary of the findings of the surveys of sports clubs for the major playing pitch sports (*Appendix H*)

1.7 Tailoring the Approach - what makes Hounslow different?

Key features of the study area that have been identified in the course of this process and taken into account in developing the strategy include:

- Hounslow has low levels of regular participation in sport by adults (16+) relative to England and London averages in most years since 2006 (according to the Active People Survey) although regular participation in sport in the borough shows a marked increase since 2013 (see graph 1)

Graph 1: Once a week participation in sport by adults (16+) in Hounslow, London, England



Source: Sport England Active People Interactive (June 2016)

- Self reported latent demand to do more sport among the adult population (16+) of Hounslow is consistently higher than the national average and broadly similar to the London average (see figure 1). Low levels of participation but high levels of latent demand is an unusual pattern and may be explained in part by a relative undersupply of accessible good quality community sports facilities until around 2013/14 when adult participation spiked possibly linked to greater investment in the lead up to London 2012 and growth in interest in sports following the Games. It is interesting to note that latent demand then fell in 2014/15 below the regional London average.

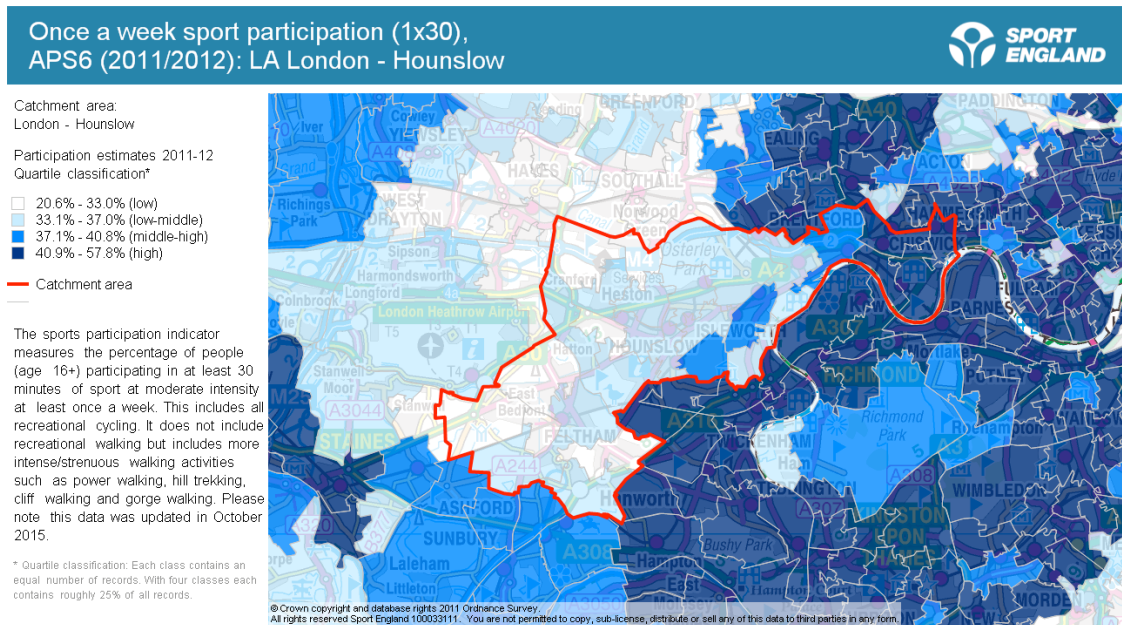
Figure 1: Number of adults (16+) who would like to do more sport over the next 12 months

Area	07/08 APS2	08/09 APS3	09/10 APS4	10/11 APS5	11/12 APS6	12/13 APS7	13/14 APS8	14/15 APS9
England	53.8%	54.2%	53.6%	54.9%	55.4%	57.5%	55.9%	58.0%
London	62.6%	62.3%	61.4%	62.3%	62.8%	66.8%	65.1%	65.2%
Hounslow	60.0%	60.1%	63.8%	62.8%	58.8%	67.3%	69.9%	63.3%

Source: Sport England Sports Market Segmentation (June 2016)

- Sport participation rates are higher in the more affluent east sub area (particularly in the Chiswick District) than in the west of the borough, for example in Bedfont District (see graph 2)

Graph 2: Once a week sport participation in sport by adults (16+) by Middle Super Output Area



Modelled estimates of participation are based on data from Sport England's Active People Survey 6 (October 2011-October 2012).

MSOA participation estimates are based on modelled estimates of participation. Modelled estimates combine survey data from Active People with other data sources that are available at the area level (for example, health indicators, socioeconomic status etc).

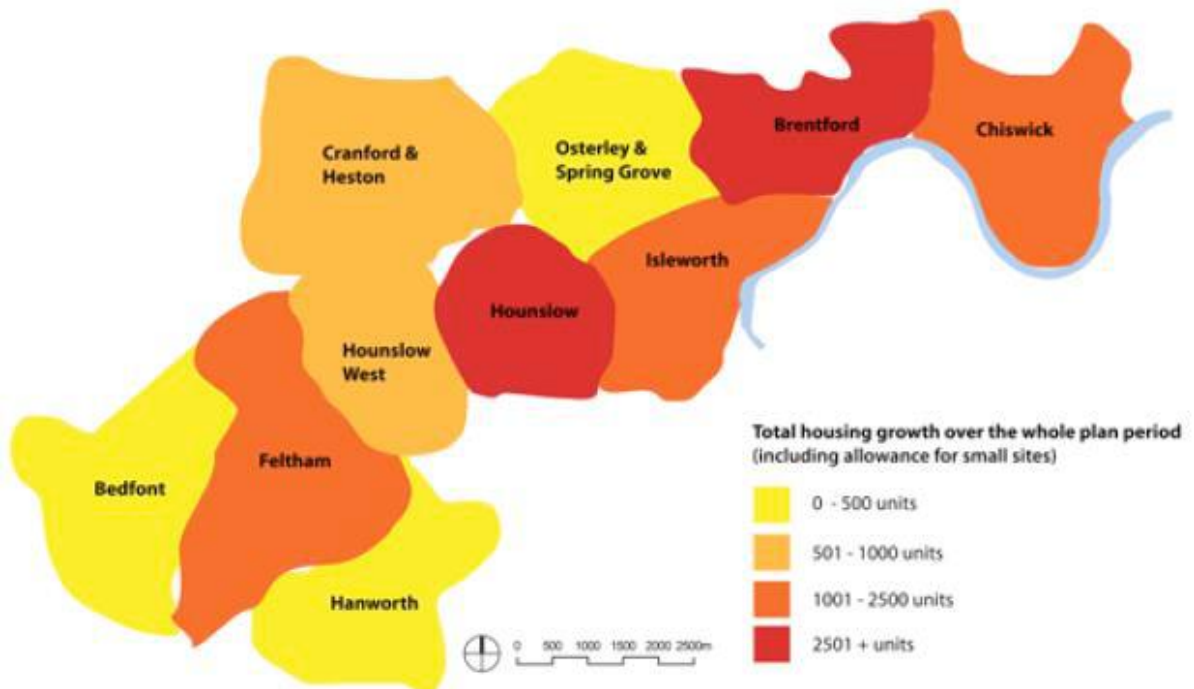
Middle Super Output areas (MSOA's) are a geography for the collection and publication of small area statistics. MSOA's have a minimum population of 5,000, and a mean population of 7,200.

- Healthy life expectancy (HLE) at birth in Hounslow for 2009-13 was estimated at 63.1 years for males and 63.3 years for females. Disability-free life expectancy (DFLE) was estimated at 64.7 years for males and 64.5 for females. Male HLE, female HLE and female DFLE in Hounslow are all significantly lower than the England average, while male DFLE is significantly higher
- Closely reflecting the pattern of participation in sport, male and female HLEs are generally high in the east of the borough, particularly in Chiswick and near Osterley Park, but low in the west (for males), centre (for females), and north of the borough (for both)
- Linking to the HLE statistics, levels of air and noise pollution in Hounslow borough are high relative to most London boroughs, particularly so in the case of noise in the west of the borough due to proximity to Heathrow airport
- Few Council playing pitches in parks and recreation grounds are available for clubs, groups and teams to hire (i.e. pay and play pitches) in comparison with Hounslow's neighbour boroughs
- A large proportion (circa 40%) of the total land area of Hounslow borough is open space, predominantly in the west and central districts. In the west several large areas of public open space that were formerly designated and maintained as playing pitches, are no longer maintained, marked or equipped with playing pitches (e.g. Feltham Arenas)
- In part, the reduction in number of maintained pitches in public parks in the borough is a consequence of increasing costs of maintenance to the standards sought by organised teams and leagues alongside reductions in local authority budgets and resources available for grounds maintenance
- Hounslow has two large, strategic sites for outdoor sport and recreation on the edge of the borough boundary in the east sub area - i) Duke's Meadow in Chiswick District on the eastern border with Hammersmith & Fulham, and ii) Gunnersbury Park in Brentford District in the

south east, on the boundary with Ealing. These large sites serve sports clubs and teams from a large sub-regional Central/West London catchment area with no distinct borough or neighbourhood identity. The strategic importance of both these sites for sport and recreation is widely recognised. The Council has committed in partnership with Ealing Council to a major project to enhance and extend the outdoor sports facilities at Gunnersbury Park from 2017. The Council has also commissioned a master plan review of Duke's Meadows with a view to substantial enhancement of the sports facilities on this site in the medium term

- By contrast, the west of the borough is characterised by several districts (e.g. Feltham, Bedfont, Hanworth, Cranford & Heston) which, although contiguous, have their own neighbourhood identities and cultural organisations including community sports clubs (e.g. Bedfont Sports, Bedfont & Feltham FC, Bedfont Eagles FC, Feltham RFC, Hanworth Sports FC)
- Whilst there are several schools in the borough offering a good standard of playing pitch facilities and with an established tradition of community use out of hours (e.g. Lampton, Cranford, Feltham, Heston), there are many other education sites - particularly primary sites - with outdoor pitches and courts that are not currently available for community teams to use
- As is the case in most London boroughs, the resident population of Hounslow is growing fast. Current forecasts show borough population growth of over a fifth (23%+) between 2011 and 2030. Figure 2, shows the spatial development strategy for Hounslow to 2030 identifying Hounslow and Brentford as the districts that will accommodate most significant growth, investment and regeneration during the Local Plan period. In these areas, the supply of public open space and playing pitches (as well as affordable housing and school places) is generally under the greatest pressure of demand. The Gunnersbury Park project is designed to address this issue in Brentford District. Around Hounslow town centre, redevelopment of multiple sites including the current Civic Centre site for new housing (870 units approx.) will increase local demand for playing pitch and court facilities in and around Lampton Park. In the west, the Feltham Housing Zone is expected to deliver approximately 3,400 new dwellings which will increase demand in these areas.

Figure 2: Projected population growth in Hounslow borough across the ten districts



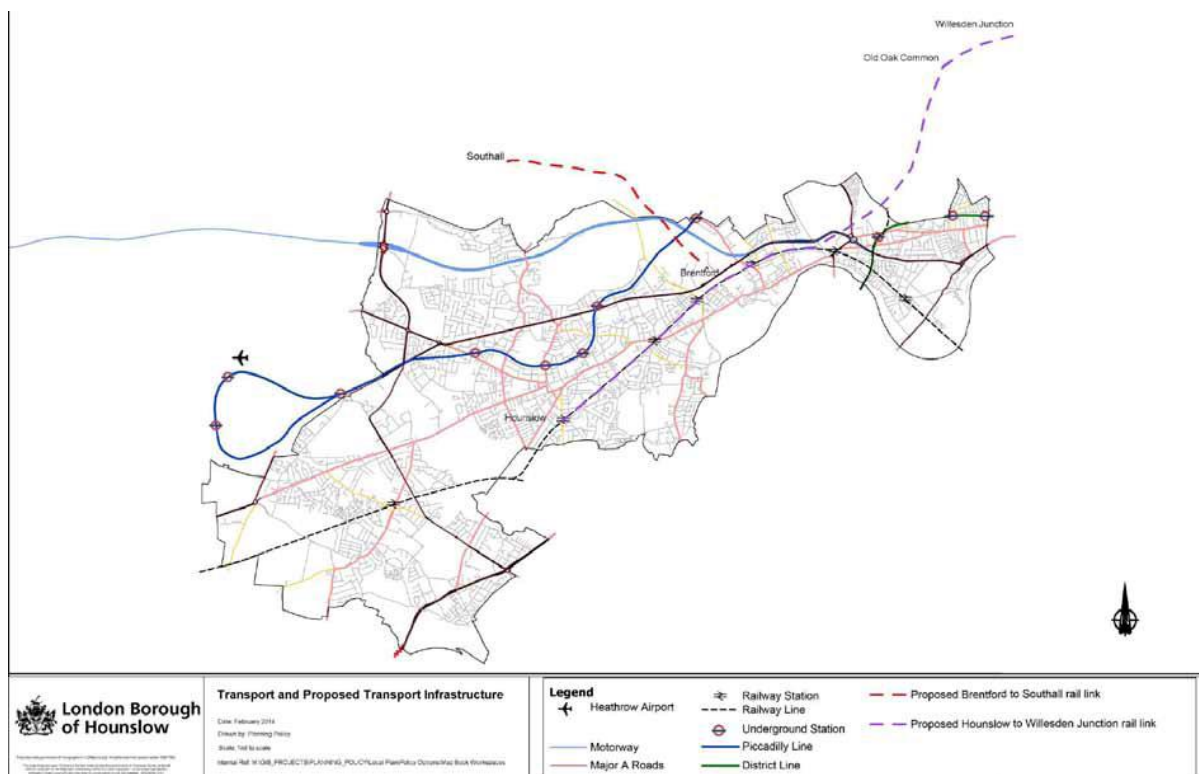
Source: Hounslow Local Plan 2015-2030 Spatial Strategy Key Diagram

- In response to forecast population growth in Hounslow and as a strategy to improve education standards, the Council has adopted a School Expansion Delivery Programme to 2020. The school expansions will be delivered through a combination of expansion of existing secondary

schools, Free Schools, purchase of additional land and the Government led Education Funding Agency's Priority Schools Building Programme. In December 2015, the Council approved enabling proposals for a new Hounslow Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) Free School in Isleworth. Should planning applications be approved and the current proposals implemented, Grasshoppers Rugby Football Club would relocate from its current sports ground on MacFarlane Lane to part of a former sports field nearby (the White Lodge/Conquest Club site). This proposal, currently subject to a Site Sequential Test Study, also has implications for community netball and archery clubs based at the MacFarlane Lane site

- The planned and proposed improvements to strategic transport connections in Hounslow are ambitious relative to many other London boroughs and, if implemented, will enhance connectivity both within the borough and to central London and Heathrow and the west as illustrated by figure 3 below

Figure 3: Strategic transport connections and improvements



Source: Hounslow Local Plan 2015-2030 (Volume 1)

2. Summary of Key Findings and Issues

This section provides an overall summary of playing pitch supply, planned and proposed changes to supply, current and latent demand covering the following leading questions as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy methodology.

- What are the main characteristics of the current supply of and demand for provision?
- Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?
- Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
- What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
- Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?
- What is the overall quality level?

2.1 The Main Pitch Sports

The key findings and issues for the four most popular playing pitch sports in Hounslow Borough - i.e. Football, Cricket, Rugby Union and Hockey - are summarised in this section. (Key findings for Bowls, Tennis and the minority interest playing pitch sports are set out in section 2.2). For the four main pitch sports, the detailed evidence base underpinning the key findings (covering Stages B & C of the Sport England PPS guidance) are appended as follows:

- Appendix A: Cricket
- Appendix B: Football
- Appendix C: Hockey
- Appendix D: Rugby

Definitions

Throughout the document the following abbreviations are used to describe specific types of playing pitch facility that have a manufactured playing surface (i.e. a surface other than natural turf):

- **NTP** - The abbreviation NTP stands for **non-turf pitch** and refers to an artificial turf sports surface designed specifically for cricket. NTP's are most commonly located at the end of a row of grass (fine turf) pitches on a maintained square. Many schools have stand-alone NTPs (i.e. without a fine turf cricket square).
- **FTP** - This abbreviation stands for **football turf pitch** and is commonly referred to as a 3G (third generation) pitch. This pitch type comprises blades of polypropylene of 40mm to 65mm in length (i.e. short pile or long pile) supported by a thin base layer of sand and by an infill of rubber crumb. The 3G playing surface is laid on various types of stone base with or without a porous macadam layer and shock pad. FTPs are suitable for football to a high level of competition. Since adopting a new Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy in June 2016 in response to player feedback, on all long pile (3G) surfaces, England Hockey accepts only lower level hockey (introductory level) when no sand based/dressed or water playing surface is available. Long pile FTPs with an engineered sub base system (of stone base, porous tarmac layer and shock pad) are accepted by the rugby governing bodies.
- **AGP** - This abbreviation stands for **artificial grass pitch** and is a generic term for any type of artificial turf sports surface for football, hockey and/or rugby - whether sand filled, sand based, water based, or 3G (FTP above). Sometimes also referred to as a synthetic turf pitch (STP), the nature of the pitch sports and the level of competition that can be accommodated on an AGP depends on the detailed specification of the playing surface, the size of the playing area, run offs and any floodlighting that is provided.

Key Issues	Summary of Findings by Main Sport
Cricket	
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	
<p>The supply of cricket facilities (and the traditional cricket club model) is under-developed in Hounslow Borough. There are just 14 cricket pitches across nine playing field sites and seven traditional cricket clubs (five of which provide cricket for juniors).</p> <p>Currently, pitch provision is heavily biased to the east sub area with just one club ground in the west, the British Airways Club based at the Heston Sports Ground owned by Imperial College.</p> <p>The club/trust owned and operated grounds tend to be well maintained and with standard or good ancillary facilities. The main exception is the multi sport pavilion at Boston Park Playing Fields in the ownership of the London Playing Fields Foundation. This pavilion needs a major upgrade or replacement. Several other pavilions need more minor improvement works (e.g. Riverside/Duke's Meadow, King's House, Old Isleworthians) to better meet DDA and safeguarding standards.</p> <p>Three of the Hounslow clubs (all based on the east side) require an additional ground to accommodate Saturday home games for their 3rd and 4th sides. Of these, the Chiswick Club based on Duke's Meadow currently hires pitches (on an unsecured basis) at King's House School nearby.</p> <p>The borough has just one pitch available for pay and play for teams and groups that fall outside the traditional cricket club model. This pitch - at Chiswick House - has no pay and play capacity on Saturdays as it is block booked to the Chiswick & Whitton club as one of this club's two home sites (the other located just outside the borough in Whitton, in the Royal Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames).</p> <p>Data from Sports Market Segmentation and the ethnic profile of the population of the borough suggests high latent demand to play non-traditional forms of cricket outside the traditional club membership structure (such as 20/20 and Last Man Stands) and in non-traditional leagues that are growing in West London, such as the TAL cricket league. This feature of cricket demand in the borough is most prevalent in central Hounslow.</p> <p>At present, there is just one active girls cricket team in Hounslow and no women's teams.</p>	
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	
<p>NO. Although none of the six Hounslow clubs currently travel outside of the borough to access pitch capacity, four of the 14 pitches accessed by the community clubs are on an independent school site and are unsecured, whilst the quality of several of the pitches - e.g at Chiswick House, Wycombe House, Riverside Drive and Indian Gymkhana - suffer from over-play. A historical issue of lack of security of tenure for the Chiswick Cricket Club on the ground at Riverside Drive on Duke's Meadow is now being addressed with a lease.</p> <p>The Council has committed to a £14 million joint project with Ealing to provide new and enhance existing playing pitch and ancillary facilities in Gunnersbury Park to create a hub site for outdoor sports. Provided the proposals are delivered in full there will be additional secured supply for Hounslow residents and clubs (equivalent to two good quality pitches). This provision should go a long way to relieving the pressure on the pitches for Saturday league match play at the Chiswick House and Wycombe House grounds in particular. Similarly, a current proposal for new community cricket facilities at Church Meadow Playing Field in Sutton Lane (linked to the Council's school expansion plans), if implemented, should address the current over-play of the Indian Gymkhana Sports Ground pitch.</p> <p>Provided both these projects proceed as planned and the new pitches are maintained to a high quality, there will be enough accessible and secured provision in the borough to meet current demand from the seven traditional Hounslow based cricket clubs.</p> <p>The Gunnersbury Park project will also address the issue of unmet latent demand for pay and play cricket outside the club environment on the east side of the borough.</p>	

Cricket
In Central Hounslow (within the east sub area), recent installation of a non-turf pitch (NTP) and non turf practice net in Heston Park (alongside the new Pools & Fitness Centre) addresses some current demand for informal cricket play. In the west of the borough, a non-turf pitch was installed in Avenue Park in Cranford in 2015 to improve provision for informal and non-traditional cricket.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
YES. Just one of the 14 grass cricket pitches in Hounslow is rated as poor (the fourth pitch at King's House is cultivated but not a formal square). This reflects the fact that the maintenance responsibility for the playing fields where the cricket pitches are provided lies with sports clubs, charitable trusts, an independent school and a university - all of whom employ trained grounds staff - and none are located on open sites. However, none of the pitches in Hounslow are rated as being of consistently good quality, with 13 pitches rating overall as standard or average. The quality of the ancillary facilities is much more mixed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The pavilion at Boston Manor Playing Field owned by London Playing Fields is of poor quality ○ Those at Chiswick CC, Isleworthians and King's House School require modernisation to DDA and present day safeguarding standards for mixed age and gender use ○ The net system at Riverside Drive Sports Ground is in need of replacement ○ The non-turf pitch at King's House School needs upgrading, as does the non turf net system at Heston Sports Ground.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
A combination of population growth and delivery of club development plans is likely to drive an increase in the number of adult and junior club teams (nine more teams approx. by 2030). The reinstatement and expansion of supply of pay and play pitches in Gunnersbury Park will help to serve future pay and play demand in the east of the borough including forecast population growth as a consequence of planned new housing in the Brentford area. The other main issue for the future will be increasing demand for non-traditional forms of cricket in the west sub area (both in Hounslow and the western districts) as a consequence of planned population growth in these areas and enhanced transport connectivity. It is likely that future demand will require additional supply of pay and play facilities for cricket at similarly accessible managed park sites in these areas to augment the recently installed non turf facilities in Heston Park and Avenue Park. The main suitable sites identified for new NTP provision are Lampton Park (close to Heston Park) in the central area and Feltham Parks in the west. A further opportunity may be presented by developer proposals for a new urban park with outdoor sports facilities and good connectivity at the Rectory Farm site in Heston (close to Avenue Park).
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?
NO. In the east of the borough, to address current over-play at some traditional club sites and growth likely to result from a combination of population growth and cricket development activities will require at least one further good quality pitch with secured club access and ancillary facilities in addition to the committed project in Gunnersbury Park, providing the equivalent of two additional pay and play pitches for use by Hounslow clubs and teams. The current proposal for a new pitch at Church Meadow Playing Field in a joint project between the Council, the ECB and the Indian Gymkhana Club has strong potential to deliver this facility need. Further to the west, further accessible and secured supply of pay and play pitches is likely to be required during the strategy period. As detailed above, the main opportunity sites identified are at Lampton Park, Feltham Parks and, potentially, as part of the facility mix for a new park site proposed by developers for Heston at Rectory Farm.
What is the overall quality level?
Overall the quality of the relatively small quantity of cricket pitch provision in Hounslow borough is 'standard'. The main priority for quality enhancement (once the priority projects for new provision at Gunnersbury Park and Church Meadow Playing Fields have been delivered) is to upgrade or replace the pavilion at Boston Manor Playing Fields.

Football

What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?

There has been significant investment in facilities for football in Hounslow in the last few years, with the addition of three small sided 3G pitches at Heston Pools & Fitness Centre, ten commercial small-sided 3G pitches in Feltham (by Powerleague) and the upgrading of the former sand based AGP at Cranford College by Queens Park Rangers FC to an AirDome covered 3G pitch.

69 adult grass pitches, 16 youth size pitches (11v11 and 9v9) and 22 mini soccer (7v7 and 5v5) pitches, totaling 109 pitches overall, are available for community football in the borough across 31 operational pitch sites.

The grass pitch supply is broadly evenly distributed with slightly more provision in the east than the west of the borough. In the case of artificial grass pitches (AGPs), there are a similar number of sites in each sub area but substantially more individual pitches are available in the west. When commercial soccer centres are excluded, the east/west distribution of AGPs is broadly the same. There is a clear gap in provision of full size 3G FTPs in the central Hounslow area.

There are two FA/AFA registered adult teams playing in Hounslow per adult pitch. By contrast, the number of youth teams outstrips the number of dedicated youth size pitches (11v11 or 9v9) more than six-fold with many of the youth 11 a side teams (from u13 age) playing on adult pitches and several adult pitches over-marked as youth pitches with portable goal systems. For mini soccer the borough has nearly four teams per dedicated mini soccer pitch (7v7 or 5v5) with community access.

Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?

NO. Although the recent investments have reduced the deficiency substantially, there remains insufficient accessible and secured community use provision of football facilities to meet the current demand of football clubs based in the borough. Hounslow borough is home to several large Charter Standard football clubs with large and growing numbers of mini soccer and youth football teams. Several clubs have teams that are displaced playing home fixtures and/or training on pitches in neighbour boroughs.

However, should all the current proposals at advanced stages of planning for additional provision proceed, there will be sufficient accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand. The current advanced proposals for new pitches that will increase supply for football are at: Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub (grass & 3G); Bedford Sports Orchard Sports Ground pitch (grass to 3G conversion), Green Lane Heathrow (grass), Church Meadow Sutton Lane (grass).

Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?

NO. Poor natural drainage and compaction of the ground are issues at two thirds of the football pitch sites in Hounslow that are rated as either poor or standard, thereby limiting the playing capacity of these pitches. These are common issues in this part of London with heavy London Clay. To address this on a large scale would require significant additional investment to pay for ground maintenance works at the frequencies required to effectively aerate the ground and de-compact the playing surface.

The football pitches on open access park and recreation sites where management agreements with clubs are in place are both cut and maintained/repared to a basic 'sports' standard by the Council's contractor. At other park sites with no club agreements in place, the only maintenance is grass cuts in the growing season to a less frequent 'amenity' standard (once every three weeks approximately). It is apparent from the site visits and consultations that there are significant issues with the current standards of pitch maintenance on park sites, most particularly inadequate ground de-compaction, the frequency of grass cuts and failure to remove the grass cuttings. At the same time, the Council has a savings target of £1.2million by 2019/20 from its parks budget.

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One possible solution is for the Middlesex FA to establish banks of ground maintenance equipment (and training in its use) at strategic, accessible sites in the east and west of the borough for loan to clubs. In addition, as the playing pitch hub sites recommended in this strategy are delivered, the Council should look to relocate formal football (matches and team training) from its smaller park sites to the nearest hub site with capacity. The smaller park playing field areas can then be maintained to a lower 'amenity' level for informal football and other playing pitch sports to recreation levels of play and outdated pavilion buildings removed, thereby reducing revenue costs.

14% of pitches in the borough have been assessed as being of poor quality. Most of the poor pitches are located on former landfill sites or former mineral extraction sites (e.g. Duke's Meadow/Riverside Lands) where the options for stabilising the land to improve pitch quality need to be properly assessed. The poor quality pitches currently marked out in Gunnersbury Park will be upgraded as part of the Sports Hub project.

All of the football pitches rated good are located on grounds that are closed to the general public and where ground staff with sports turf expertise are employed/contracted, or the clubs have appropriately skilled volunteers.

Ancillary provision (changing and social facilities) are either not available or of a poor standard at a number of parks sites (e.g. Grosvenor Park, Avenue Park, Redlees Park, Feltham Park) as well as at the Boston Manor Playing Field owned by London Playing Fields. As identified above, on the Council owned sites, as alternative hub sites become available with new/upgraded facilities including FTPs, formal football use of these parks should be transferred and former pavilion buildings removed.

What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?

Current advanced proposals for new pitches that will increase the supply for football are at:

- Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub (grass & 3G FTPs)
- Green Lane Heathrow (grass)
- Church Meadow Sutton Lane (grass)
- Bedfont Sports Club Orchard Playing Field (grass to 3G).

The outcome of this new supply, when combined with facility enhancements and improved security of access at the Bedfont club overspill sites, will be to effectively address current unmet demand.

There are also advanced proposals for new supply (3G and grass) at the Rectory Park & Estate in Northolt, and at Warren Farm Southall, in neighbouring Ealing. Should the latter project go ahead (which is outside the control of Hounslow Council), the AirDome 3G at Cranford Community College may become more available for community use during peak hours.

Future demand for football facilities is likely to grow substantially to 2030, increasing pressure on the existing and planned 3G pitches and grass youth and mini soccer pitches, many of which are already played at capacity. By 2030, assuming current football participation and team generation rates and the forecast population growth, there will be 7 more adult teams and 43 more junior teams requiring access to match pitches and practice facilities.

The growth plans of the borough based football clubs will also place further pressure on pitch supply. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of the clubs who responded to the survey have self-reported plans for new teams in the next few seasons. Club survey responses indicate unmet demand for 24 senior teams which includes 6 women's teams, 66 youth teams (12 girls) and 41 mini soccer teams. Nearly all of these clubs have identified a need for an increase in affordable and accessible FTP capacity within the borough to support this growth. However, conversion of this perceived unmet demand into new teams depends on these clubs securing sufficient volunteer team managers and coaches as well as suitable pitches to play and train on.

A strategic approach to establishing main hub sites for formal games of community club football (with grass pitches, FTPs, ancillary facilities and strong club infrastructure and management) at key locations in the east, west and central Hounslow is supported by the needs evidence and consultation findings.

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Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?

NO. Over the period of the strategy to 2030, to address team generation from forecast population growth (up to 50 teams), expressed demand from clubs for team growth (up to 130 teams), and to deliver on the FA's strategy to transfer more affiliated competitive football to 3G surfaces, a minimum of a further three 3G pitches are likely to be required. The actual number required depends on the actual team growth that takes place as a result of club development and population change. The Council will need to monitor and regularly review club/team demand with Middlesex FA.

Given the demography of the borough and the different patterns of demand in the east and west, to address the forecast growth in demand the Council and its partners should work towards creating a number of self sustaining football hub sites - each with a floodlit FTP, grass pitches and high quality ancillary facilities and car parking as a minimum - to serve the east, central and west areas of the borough as follows:

- **East** - Once the **Gunnensbury Park** sports hub project is completed, the priority on the east side of the borough will be to enhance the facilities for football (and other playing pitch sports) at **Riverside Lands/Dukes Meadow** (subject to the outcome of a master plan for this site to be commissioned in 2016). Within the master planning, consideration should be given to new FTP supply (similar to at Gunnensbury Park) as part of the facility mix for this site given its strategic role as a hub site for a range of sports (including football) serving the east of Hounslow and the broader Central/West London catchment area.
- In Central Hounslow (within the east sub area) there is a clear shortfall in provision of 3G FTPs. **Lampton School & Park** is the site best placed to address this shortfall both in terms of its location and the facilities management resource and community use already in place. Housing development already underway and forecast to total up to 870 new units over the strategy period support the needs case for 3G FTP capacity in this location.
- **West** - In the west of the borough there is an immediate short term need to deliver the grant supported 3G pitch at the **Orchard Sports Ground** and, potentially in the medium term, a 3G community pitch at **Green Lane** (serving CB Hounslow) as well as some increased community club access to the Cranford College indoor pitch linked to the relocation of the QPR Academy. However, these projects alone are unlikely to be sufficient to address demand growth resulting from population change and the plans of the other community clubs based in this sub area for the entirety of the strategy period to 2030. To serve medium to long-term demand in the peak hours for pay and play pitches and for informal football, further floodlit FTP capacity will be required in the west of the borough. The main site opportunities are at **Feltham Parks** and the **Rectory Farm** new park proposal in Heston. The detailed feasibility of these opportunities remains to be established in relation to physical site considerations and business planning (including capital and revenue finance and operational management). These feasibility studies should be carried out in tandem to avoid over provision of FTPs in the west sub area which could affect the sustainability of the large established clubs in the area who operate their own sites (under long term leases).

What is the overall quality level?

In total, over half (56.5%) of the grass pitch stock in Hounslow is assessed as either 'Standard' (42.5%) or 'Poor' (14%) in many cases due to overuse but also, in some cases, due to poor natural drainage and compaction of the ground which are common issues in this part of London with heavy London Clay soil type. These factors limit the playing capacity at a large number of sites. With a high proportion of the pitches being maintained by volunteer club members, there is a strong case for the Council to work with Middlesex FA to provide banks of grounds maintenance equipment available for clubs to loan (and training in its use) at key strategic sites (e.g. Gunnensbury in the east and Bedfont Sports or Green Lane in the west) and to explore a move to mobile goalpost provision.

Hockey
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?
<p>The current supply of hockey AGPs in Hounslow borough is larger than in the neighbouring boroughs and, for the most part, of good quality.</p> <p>Hounslow is also unusual in having three water based AGPs, which, although generally more expensive to maintain than sand dressed pitches, provide a good, fast playing surface for the game of hockey. The presence in Chiswick of two major clubs with their origins in Richmond Borough (Richmond HC and Barnes HC) - means that, in the east sub area in particular, demand for hockey facilities flows into Hounslow across the borough boundary. In the case of the Barnes club, demand from east Hounslow flows out of the borough to the club's other playing sites in neighbour boroughs as well as inwards to its leased site in Chiswick.</p> <p>In the west sub area, displaced demand across borough boundaries is also a significant feature. There are fewer hockey pitches available in the west sub area and, unlike in the east (that has the Indian Gymkhana Hockey Club as well as the Richmond and Barnes clubs), there are no large Hounslow based community hockey clubs. Some imported demand is evident at the sand based pitch at Feltham Community College which Staines Hockey Club (based in Spelthorne) use as an overspill pitch, although to a reduced extent in the last two seasons. Overall, in the west sub area, the net direction of flow is outward to the hockey AGPs and clubs - including Staines HC but also British Airways HC, Sunbury & Walton Hawks and Ashford (Middlesex) HC - located in the boroughs of Hillingdon and Spelthorne.</p> <p>The current picture is therefore one of good supply relative to most boroughs - particularly in the east of the borough - but also of atypically high current demand and use, also skewed to the east. All four of the community clubs playing hockey either fully or partly in Hounslow borough - Richmond, Barnes, Staines and Indian Gymkhana - have multiple teams and growing junior sections, two with waiting lists. The three clubs based in the east of the borough - Richmond, Barnes, Indian Gymkhana - have a combined membership of 1,500 players - with the Richmond club accounting for over half this total.</p> <p>To the west, there is spare capacity at weekends and midweek on the sand AGPs at The Heathland School and Feltham Community College. Although these AGPs are also used for football, there are spare slots available for hire from the schools in the peak hours.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?
<p>NO. In the east side of Hounslow borough, there is considered to be a shortfall of one accessible and secured pitch to address current unmet demand from the two largest clubs for junior hockey development. It is likely that the shortfall of hockey supply in the Chiswick area will be increased to two pitches if the hockey pitch at Linford Christie Sports Centre in White City is converted to football 3G.</p> <p>In the west sub area, although there are fewer hockey AGPs, there is spare capacity in peak hours at both the Heathland School AGP (on the eastern edge of the west sub area) and at Feltham Community College. Expressed demand from Hounslow residents in the west of the borough is addressed by a combination of the Staines Hockey Club (at AGPs both in Hounslow and outside the borough) and clubs with AGPs in Hillingdon and Spelthorne.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
<p>YES. The quality of hockey AGP maintenance in the borough is generally good. The main current deficiency in provision for hockey is the lack of ancillary facilities available for hockey players from Barnes Hockey Club and local schools at Duke's Meadow / Riverside Lands. There are also issues with the quality of the sub base of the water-based pitch at this site in the Council's ownership and managed/maintained by Barnes Hockey Club.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
<p>As a consequence of Hounslow Borough having larger than average hockey AGP supply and hosting a large number of hockey teams (attracted by the availability and accessibility of pitches in Chiswick and Isleworth), the team generation projections for the borough are much larger than in other boroughs with similar projected scale of population growth.</p>

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In the short term, there is evidence of increased demand reported by England Hockey in this area of London due to the GB Womens Hockey Rio Olympic Gold success. Looking forward, if the self reported team growth plans of the Barnes and Indian Gymkhana clubs are added to the teams generated by population growth, there will be a need for additional hockey AGP capacity to accommodate the playing and training needs of growth of approximately five senior teams and up to 22 junior teams.

A further key issue is the recent review by England Hockey of its policy recommendations regarding hockey play on 3G surfaces resulting from player feedback. The new policy position (from Summer 2016) will have no immediate impact on hockey clubs based in Hounslow as none are currently playing on 3G. However, as 3G is no longer approved for hockey competition or training, it will be critical to protect the existing stock of hockey AGPs from the risk of conversion to 3G when due for playing surface renewals.

Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?

NO. New team generation from population growth combined with the team growth plans of the main clubs would represent a one third (34%) increase in the number of teams in the borough. These additional teams could not all be accommodated on the spare capacity at the Heathland School and Feltham Community College pitches in the west sub area both of which are located some distance from the home bases of the clubs forecasting the largest team growth. As such, a further hockey AGP may be required in the period of the strategy. Although current demand for more hockey pitch capacity is heavily skewed to the east side of the borough, the main opportunity identified for new provision is in the west at Rectory Farm in the Heston/Cranford area.

What is the overall quality level?

The overall quality level is good. The exception is the water based AGP at Duke's Meadow / Riverside Lands and the lack of changing provision at this site. The sand based pitch at both the Quinton Hogg Memorial Sports Ground (University of Westminster) is 15 years old and therefore due for resurfacing. The Heathland School pitch was installed in 2006 and will need resurfacing within the next 3-5 years. As stated above, from the perspective of community hockey facility needs, it will be critical that these pitches are retained as hockey compliant and not converted to football or rugby 3G.

Rugby

What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?

Hounslow has a high level of facility supply and of expressed demand for rugby union relative to most London boroughs. The borough is the base for nine community rugby clubs of varying sizes, five of which also provide opportunities for youth and mini/midi rugby. These clubs are quite well distributed across the borough (six in the east, three in the west) and offer good accessibility for residents from most part of the borough with the exception of the north west (Cranford area). Two university rugby clubs and Harlequins Ladies are also based in the borough. These clubs draw their playing memberships from a wide catchment area.

There are 34 adult rugby pitches accessed by 31 adult club and college teams. These pitches are also played on by 15 youth teams (including 3 girls teams) and, mainly on Sunday mornings, by 26 mini/midi rugby sides (children aged 7-12yrs).

There are a further five rugby pitches on secondary school sites and one at the Feltham Young Offenders Institute that offer either no or only limited access to community clubs and/or are of poor quality or offer very limited changing facilities. These pitches therefore do not form part of the core supply.

Eight of the grass pitches currently have floodlights (4 suitable for match play, 4 for training) and there are a further two floodlit grass training areas (off-pitch). A funded proposal to install match standard LED floodlighting to the main pitch at Twickenham Rugby club is at planning application stage.

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There are two World Rugby compliant artificial grass pitch currently in the borough. One in the west at Feltham College (formerly used by London Broncos Rugby League club) and now only used on an occasional basis by Feltham RFC for training when the club's own grass training area on Hanworth Air Park is unplayable. A second rugby compliant AGP was provided in 2015 by the independent King's House School on a site in Dukes Meadows, Chiswick leased from Hounslow Council. Community use of this AGP is largely for football although there is some training use by rugby clubs including CS 1863 RFC which has its home ground at the school and teams from Richmond based clubs in the adjacent borough.

The highest level of league play available in the borough is Level 6 (CS Rugby 1863, at King's House School Sports Ground).

Just one of the community club sites is owned by the club freehold - Staines RFC, which is seeking to secure land adjacent in order to further expand. Grasshoppers RFC and Twickenham RFC have long leases on their sites and are therefore secure. The Chiswick RFC has a clubhouse lease from Hounslow Council until 2026 and a joint management agreement with Old Meadonians Football Club for use of pitches on the Riverside Lands site until 2027. The view of the Middlesex RFU in consultation is that, in line with the RFU national strategy, investment into facilities should be focused around the on-going development of the Rugby club facilities within the borough where the clubs have security of tenure.

Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?

YES. As indicated above, current security of access to rugby grounds in the borough is relatively good, particularly for the key development clubs. The newly formed Hanwell RFC with one adult team and currently playing at Boston Manor Playing Fields in an exception. However, this club is essentially displaced from Ealing borough and is in discussions with Ealing Council concerning opportunities to secure a home pitch in the Hanwell, Brentford, Northfields area.

Aside from the Grasshoppers club, which will address its overplay issues should the club's relocation to new facilities including an AGP take place, the issues of overplay at other rugby sites in the borough are caused by the low playing capacity of the pitches at these sites (due to inadequate maintenance and drainage) or from imported demand encouraged by these clubs for reasons of income generation rather than a lack of available supply.

In the west of the borough there is a capacity issue currently at Hanworth Air Park on Sunday mornings due to the byelaw protecting access to one of the pitches on Sundays for use by members of a long established model aircraft club. However, there is room on the park site to mark out another pitch outside the area covered by this byelaw. Although remote from the club's home site and clubhouse, there is also provision of a grass pitch and rugby compliant 3G AGP at the Feltham Community College. These facilities could be considered for use on Sundays subject to cost and availability. Future facility needs of the Feltham rugby club will be a key consideration of the Council's master plan for enhancement of the Hanworth Park site. The north west of the borough around Cranford is poorly supplied for community rugby with no community club activity in this area.

In the east sub area, Gunnersbury Park has potential to play a significant role in supporting the plans of the Old Actonians RFC, an Ealing based club that draws on Hounslow. The Old Actonian club is unable at present to meet demand for junior and mini rugby although there is an opportunity to address this through the community sports hub / FA Parklife proposals for Gunnersbury Park which, although just outside the borough, is very close to the club's home ground.

Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?

NO. Although the majority (85%) of the pitches used by the community clubs are considered to have adequate drainage, nearly half fall below a 'Good' standard of maintenance due in large part to a lack of resources for regular de-compaction of the soil, reseeding and sanding to maintain the quality of grass and grass cover and chain harrowing of the pitches when conditions allow following use.

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The quality of pitches in the London of Borough of Hounslow therefore has some scope for improving the capacity of current supply by increasing quality. This is the case at Hanworth Air Park (Feltham RFC), the Isleworth Memorial Ground (Old Isleworthians RFC) and Riverside Lands (Chiswick RFC). An improvement in maintenance and/or pitch drainage may help to address the imbalance in supply and demand at these sites.

In terms of ancillary facilities, in addition to the new changing facilities planned for the Gunnersbury Park sports hub, the priorities are to improve the changing facilities at Chiswick RFC, Old Isleworthians, Boston Manor (assuming Hanwell RFC remain at this site) and Twickenham RFC.

What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?

The main potential future change in supply is the current outline proposals for a rugby compliant 3G AGP as part of the replacement facilities proposed for Grasshoppers RFC at the Conquest Club/ White Lodge Sports Ground former playing field site in Wood Lane. Although the club will lose access to one grass pitch as a consequence of the relocation, the 3G AGP will more than compensate for this loss in terms of overall playing capacity at the new site. Should the project proceed as planned, this future supply will address the current overplay of the club's existing grass pitches and support further growth of the playing membership. A planning condition is also proposed to secure access to the AGP at affordable rates for other clubs and teams.

A second change to supply of facilities for community rugby in the short term will be delivery of the Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub joint project by Ealing and Hounslow borough councils. This will provide a grass overspill pitch needed by Old Actonians and a floodlit 3G AGP usable for midweek non-contact rugby drills training. It also opens up the potential for this club to implement its growth plans including starting a junior section. However, cost of access to these proposed facilities will be a key issue in terms of the availability of these new facilities to the club.

In terms of future demand, considered together, given the population growth and the clubs own plans for team growth, there is a predicted increase by 2030 of up to nine Senior Men's teams, eight Youth Boys' teams, three Youth Girls' team and ten Mini/Midi teams. It will not be possible to accommodate team growth at this level with the current pitch capacity at the existing club sites. If this growth takes place, the total number of rugby teams in Hounslow will increase from 72 at present to just over 100.

Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?

NO. There is little spare capacity currently with over-play occurring at several club home grounds. Without further accessible rugby compliant AGP capacity, the forecast increase in teams resulting from population growth and clubs' own development plans will place further demand on the existing grass pitches and training areas, most of which are already used either beyond or close to their current playing capacity. As identified above, investment in improved maintenance and drainage at a number of the club pitches will help to ensure these sites can meet future demand.

In relation to the grass pitches on school sites and the rugby compliant 3G pitches at Feltham College, these facilities have limited potential value in meeting demand for community rugby. Most community clubs rely heavily on secondary income generation at their home ground to sustain their facilities and activities and are understandably reluctant to incur off site pitch hire costs in addition to the loss of weekly revenue. Access to changing is usually at additional cost at education sites. Using school sites as overspill capacity is also perceived as diluting the sense of club identity for those teams required to play all their games away from home. Furthermore, it is the current strategy of the RFU to focus its investment in facilities on club sites where the clubs have freehold ownership or long leases.

What is the overall quality level?

The quality of rugby facility supply overall in Hounslow Borough is quite mixed. The main club Grasshoppers has good quality facilities and these will be further enhanced should the club proceed with current relocation plans. Other key community clubs are on former landfill or gravel extraction sites where the quality of ground is relatively poor - Twickenham RFC, Staines RFC and Chiswick RFC. As indicated above, the priority projects for quality enhancement and RFU

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investment are the club sites where tenure is secure at least for the period of this strategy and, in particular the development of floodlights to help sustain and grow the game:
1. Staines RFC - ongoing pitch improvements, lighting upgrades and possible extension of site to provide a further pitch
2. Twickenham RFC match standard (LED) floodlights to main pitch, changing room modernisation/extension
3. Chiswick RFC changing rooms modernisation/extension, enhanced site security and pitch maintenance regime potentially in a partnership with RFU, FA and other partners
4. Old Isleworthians changing rooms modernisation/extension, improved pitch drainage

2.2 Bowls, Tennis, Other Outdoor Sports

Assessments of facility needs for Bowling Greens, Tennis Courts, and other outdoor sports have been carried out and are detailed in statements in the appendices (Appendices E, F and G respectively). The key supply and demand issues and findings for these sports are:

Key Issues	Summary of Findings - Other Outdoor Sports
Bowls	
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	
There are six bowling greens in the borough that remain in regular seasonal use, five in the east sub area (at Redlees Park, Osterley Bowls Club, Hounslow Conservative Club, Duke's Meadows and Gunnersbury Park) and just one in the west (at the British Airways Concorde Club site).	
Several greens in parks are no longer maintained or in use and need to be removed and returned to general parkland or alternative sporting uses found (e.g. croquet, adventure golf, MUGAs, skate or parkour facilities). Examples include the former bowling green next to the tennis courts in Lampton Park and the green adjacent to Feltham Assembly Halls.	
There is a national trend of gradual decline in bowls participation. This is reflected across London where current participation levels are under half those found nationally. Whilst the Hounslow bowls clubs consulted consider their membership numbers to be stable, there is a risk that without targeted support to these remaining clubs with promotion, development activities, training of more volunteer green keepers and small grants for facility enhancements and equipment, they will also suffer decline in the medium term.	
In addition to the outdoor provision available to residents of the borough from April to October each year, the Council owns a 4lane indoor bowls centre in Sutton Lane. This club is leased to Hounslow Indoor Bowls Club was built in 1937 and last upgraded in 2007. The club is open to members and pay and play users seven days a week in winter and for restricted hours in the main summer season. Retention of this indoor facility is critical to sustaining membership numbers / participation at the outdoor greens.	
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	
YES. Once a new management agreement is finalised between the Council and the Gunnersbury Bowls Club, the existing secured supply will be sufficient to meet current and future demand (unless there is a reversal of the established demand trend), although accessibility to a green on foot is an issue for those living in the west of the borough.	
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	
YES. The quality of the six operational greens is rated as either standard or good although the Council owned 1930s pavilion at Osterley Bowls Club is in poor condition, lacks hot water and there is no on-site car parking. This pavilion (and the similar age bowls pavilion in Gunnersbury Park) will require a substantial upgrade in the medium or long term if both facilities are to be maintained.	

Bowls
<p>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</p> <p>Increased demand over the strategy period that may arise from population growth is quite small and, in the east of the borough, is likely to be outweighed by the general trend of declining demand. In the west, population growth may lead to a needs case in the medium or long term for provision of a green, although this is considered unlikely in view of the overall trends in the sport.</p> <p>To slow or stem decline in bowls participation, continued development activity and promotion will be required by the clubs and partner agencies (particularly London Sport and the Bowls Development Alliance).</p>
<p>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</p> <p>YES. There is substantial spare capacity with most clubs based at the greens in the borough operating at lower membership levels than recommended by the Bowls Development Alliance for a healthy, sustainable 6 rink site (40 playing members) and well within Bowls England guide capacity (60 playing members).</p> <p>However, the distribution of the six operational greens is heavily biased to the east of the borough. In the future, should substantial unmet demand for outdoor bowls be identified in the west of the borough, then the feasibility of reinstating the bowling green at Feltham adjacent to the Assembly Halls could be considered although, given the demand trends, this is considered unlikely.</p> <p>In the east of the borough, the master plans for Dukes Meadows (Chiswick) and Redlees Park (Isleworth) should consider the future facility enhancement needs of the Masonians and Isleworth bowls clubs respectively. As the Isleworth and Osterley clubs are only a mile and a half apart, to ensure the long term sustainability of outdoor bowls in this part of the borough, rationalisation of these sites to the better quality facilities at Redlees Park should be considered. A club share or merger may be the most appropriate option to ensure sustainability.</p>
<p>What is the overall quality level?</p> <p>The overall quality level of the greens is either standard or good with no major issues identified. As far as the pavilions are concerned, in the medium to long term, the 1930s pavilions at Gunnersbury and Osterley will require replacing or substantially ungrading if bowls activity is to be retained in these locations.</p>

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<p>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</p> <p>From Sport England's Market Segmentation modelling it is estimated that 4,038 adults (aged 16+) in Hounslow currently play tennis (for at least 30 mins once in the last month) and 4,641 adults in Hounslow self report as wanting to play more tennis.</p> <p>To serve current demand there are 24 sites within Hounslow that offer tennis courts, of which just 7 are in the west sub area. There are a total of 30 indoor courts and 110 outdoor courts across the 24 sites, a combined total of 140 courts. Of the 110 outdoor courts, access to half (58) is available on either a pay & play (i.e. non member) or free basis, while the remainder are only accessible by club members or their guests.</p> <p>The distribution of tennis court sites and clubs within Hounslow is weighted to the east side of the borough. Catchment mapping analysis in 2015 identified that almost the entire east of the borough falls within a 1mile catchment of a community accessible outdoor tennis courts whilst, in the west of the borough, parts of Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth are outside the 1mile catchment of an accessible court. This imbalance is reflected in the distribution of community tennis clubs with five in the east of the borough and just one in the west.</p> <p>The Duke's Meadows site is a key location in east Hounslow for tennis given the concentration of both outdoor and indoor courts at Virgin Active Riverside, Duke's Meadows Golf & Tennis Centre and King's House School. The site serves tennis demand across a large sub-regional catchment of central/west London, particularly in the more affluent, higher participating population groups.</p>

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In the case of pay and play facilities in the east of the borough, the Council owned courts managed by specialist operators at Chiswick Common and Chiswick House and Gardens, several of which are floodlit permitting evening use. These courts and three courts in Boston Manor Park are managed by a community tennis club serving casual pay and play tennis demand in this area.

In comparison, the central and west areas of Hounslow offer far fewer opportunities for community club and pay and play tennis and, until about five years ago, most of the public courts were of poor quality and attracted minimal use.

In 2010, the Council invested in upgrading and floodlighting the outdoor court facilities adjacent to the Hanworth Park Leisure Centre and, in 2015, the Council invested in new signage for sports and recreation facilities in most of its key parks and committed capital to regenerating outdoor sports and recreation facilities in Avenue Park and Heston Park. In Avenue Park, this investment resulted in two upgraded tennis courts now in regular free use including Tennis for Free sessions for juniors at weekends. Courts in Heston Park have also been upgraded. Tennis for Free has also been successfully introduced to the existing dense macadam courts in Lampton Park with over 300 people signed up.

The borough has very good provision of indoor tennis courts - both in terms of quantity and quality - whilst recognising that access and availability on a pay and play basis is quite limited at the existing commercial venues. Access to the indoor courts at Dukes Meadow, Chiswick is also restricted as these courts are operating at very high capacity and cater for a large amount of demand from neighbouring boroughs.

Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?

YES. In terms of both indoor and outdoor provision, the borough has a good level of existing supply (taking into account the committed plans to provide replacement courts with floodlighting at Gunnersbury Park with LB Ealing), both in terms of community clubs and pay and play facilities.

Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?

NO. Generally, the quality and accessibility of the tennis supply is good, particularly with the recent investment in the public courts at Hanworth Air Park and Avenue Park and the committed plans for upgrading the public courts at Gunnersbury Park and Heston Park. However, visits to a sample of other sites confirms the view that there remains a substantial supply of low quality, non-porous dense macadam hard courts in other parks. Several of these sites would benefit from conversion to porous macadam to increase their playing quality and public appeal where there is potential for the upgraded courts to be actively programmed, promoted and maintained. Feltham Park in the west and Lampton Park in Central Hounslow are identified as priority strategic locations for this investment

What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?

Population growth and sustained focus on junior tennis development by local clubs and in key park facilities (e.g. Chiswick Common, Chiswick House, Avenue Park and, in future, in Gunnersbury Park) is likely to increase demand for good quality pay and play courts and access to year round facilities (community indoor and floodlit outdoor courts) over the period of the strategy.

LTA research shows that most players who play in parks only travel a short distance to play, therefore a network of park courts needs to be retained throughout the borough and maintained to a playable quality.

Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?

YES. The commitment of Hounslow and Ealing borough councils to provide eight new all weather (porous macadam) floodlit courts with changing facilities in Gunnersbury Park will ensure that the needs for pay and play tennis on the east side of the borough will be met for the period of the strategy. There is sufficient court supply in the central and west areas. However more investment will be need in the quality of some of the courts in these areas to address future demand. The courts at Feltham Park and Lampton Park are identified as priorities for enhancement.

Tennis
What is the overall quality level?
The quality of selected public courts in the borough has improved in recent years and once the plans for enhanced courts at Heston Park and new, replacement floodlit courts in Gunnersbury Park are implemented, the overall quality will be good. However, there will remain a number of park sites where the quality of provision is poor and a barrier to access and use. Enhancing the quality of courts at Feltham Park and Lampton Park should be prioritised.

Netball
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?
<p>The main site for community netball activity in Hounslow Borough currently is the three court, floodlit facility at the Grasshoppers RFC site in MacFarlane Lane, Isleworth. Proposals are at an advanced stage for these courts to be re-provided (along with the rugby club facilities and clubhouse) at the former Conquest Club site nearby in order to accommodate the borough's school expansion plans. This project will provide a new facility for the Grasshopper Netball Club which caters for seniors, juniors and a <i>High Fives</i> after school club.</p> <p>Further east, Old Actonians Sports Club is the other main club serving residents of Hounslow. This club is located just across the borough boundary in Ealing at the Old Actonians Sports Association's Ground leased from Ealing Council in Gunnersbury Drive. The club has good quality courts with lights and shared use of the pavilion and car parking facilities on this multi-sport site. The team runs 4-5 adult league teams most seasons playing most matches on Saturdays and training midweek. The club organises indoor <i>Back to Netball</i> sessions in the sports halls at Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre and Osterley Sport and Athletic Centre.</p> <p>Also on the east side of the borough, Will to Win Tennis run a netball programme of adult and junior drop-in <i>Back to Netball</i> sessions (£3.50) as well as junior courses and a <i>High Fives</i> after school club on the courts (overmarked on the tennis courts) at Chiswick House & Gardens.</p> <p>In the west sub area, there is just one site with floodlit netball courts (four courts shared with tennis) adjacent to the Hanworth AirPark Leisure Centre. These courts were upgraded in 2010 and are available to hire by netball teams from between £16.80 and £28.00 per hour (+£7 for lights). No current demand for regular club use of these courts has been identified in west Hounslow. However, there are regular drop-in <i>Back to Netball</i> sessions (£2.50) on Thursday evenings supported by the Council, Fusion and Middlesex Netball.</p> <p>As with tennis, there are numerous courts on secondary school sites across the borough but none have floodlighting and none are identified as being in regular community use.</p> <p>The demand trend for netball is showing steady growth from a low base, particularly across London where adult (16+) participation has caught up with the national average.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?
YES. The existing quantity of floodlit outdoor netball courts for community use should be maintained for the period of the strategy - i.e. in the east sub area at Chiswick House & Gardens, Grasshoppers in Isleworth (relocated to former Conquest site), and in the west at Hanworth Airparks Leisure Centre.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
YES. The quality of these courts is acceptable.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
Population growth and sustained focus on junior development and adult <i>Back to Netball</i> sessions by the Grasshoppers and Old Actonians clubs as well as by site operators (Fusion, Will to Win) is likely to increase demand over the period of the strategy.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?
YES. No additional courts are likely to be required for the period of the strategy. Should unmet

Netball

demand be identified, then the feasibility of installing lighting to existing courts on school sites with established community use and on site changing facilities (e.g. Cranford Community College or Feltham Community College) should be considered as the first option.

What is the overall quality level?

The courts available in Hounslow are provided to a good quality. The plans for relocation of Grasshoppers will provide new courts for the netball club.

Athletics

What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?

There is 1 dedicated athletics facility in Hounslow at Osterley Sports and Athletics Centre in the east sub area. The 400m 6-lane running track (and field athletics facilities) were built to the highest professional standards in 2010/11 and further minor improvements to the track and site boundary are planned as part of the Council's Property Strategy to 2025. The track is available for pay and play use and track access is included in Fusion Lifestyle's leisure centre membership offer. Fusion Lifestyle also programme public sessions for adult fitness and running. The facility is also used extensively by schools (particularly the Isleworth and Syon Boys School and The Green School for Girls close by), local athletics clubs (Team Hounslow Athletic Club for juniors to 17 years old) and county athletics clubs. The track is also used to host county and regional meetings and events.

Central areas within Hounslow fall within a 3 mile catchment of the athletics track at Osterley Sports and Athletics Centre, with the far east of the borough (Chiswick and Turnham Green) and the south west (Bedfont, Hanworth and Feltham) falling outside of this catchment.

Residents of Chiswick in the east sub area of Hounslow are also within short journey time of adult clubs in Richmond and Ealing. Richmond St Marys Athletics Club has its home base at the high quality St Mary's University College Track in Twickenham, good quality pay and play athletics facilities are provided by the Barn Elms Sports Trust in Barnes, whilst the Ealing Southall and Middlesex Athletics Club and the West London Hammer School are based at the Perivale Track & Gym (an 8 lane all weather track with full field athletics facilities, fitness gym and changing and clubroom facilities) in Perivale Park in Greenford in Ealing borough. The Perivale track was installed in 1987 and last resurfaced in 2004. The club has a 250 strong membership and caters for beginners through to international athletes with training sessions 6 days a week.

In the west of the borough, recreational runners continue to access the synthetic track at Feltham Arenas which is no longer actively maintained or programmed for competitive athletics and has no resident club. There are clubs with good quality tracks within a relatively short journey time in Hillingdon borough (Hillingdon Athletics Club based at the Hillingdon Athletics Stadium in Ruislip and Uxbridge). In Spelthorne borough, Spelthorne Junior Athletics Club provide a range of athletics opportunities for juniors at the Matthew Arnold School Leisure Centre in Staines although this site does not have a synthetic track. There is also a community athletics club with full track and field facilities in Walton on Thames at Stompond Lane Sports Ground.

Hounslow also has five *Parkrun* sites attracting approximately 800 runners to free timed 5k runs programmed each Saturday morning throughout the year. Adult Parkruns are programmed in Gunnersbury Park, Osterley Park, Crane Park and Bedfont Lakes providing residents from all parts of the borough with good access. In addition, in June 2016, the council introduced the first ever Hounslow Junior *Parkrun* at Hanworth Park and there are plans for a second junior run at Osterley.

The demand trend for athletics is one of steady growth. The sample size for Hounslow was insufficient to give a statistically robust result in most years of the Active People Survey (APS). Although adult athletic participation was found to be lower in Hounslow than the London average in those years when the sample was sufficiently large to be significant, in the 2010/11 APS 5.5% of adults in Hounslow stated they would like to either take up athletics for the first time or participate more often. Parkrun and similar initiatives offer excellent potential to meet this latent demand.

Athletics
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?
YES. England Athletics considers Hounslow to be a priority in terms of increasing access to and use of the existing athletics facilities. In particular, the NGB is looking to increase access to and use of the track at Osterley Sports and Athletics Centre, ensuring that the track is used on a more regular basis by the local community. This is an on-going project working with Team Hounslow Athletic Club and has no specific timeframes.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
NO. The synthetic track at Feltham Arenas is no longer actively maintained. Upgrading of this track is not a priority of England Athletics or the Council in view of the availability of alternative tracks within a relatively short journey time in Ruislip and Walton on Thames and the preference for co-location of athletics tracks where there are supporting ancillary facilities and onsite management to both protect and maximise the use of the asset. Accordingly, England Athletics advocate the provision of compact 'J' tracks on accessible school sites in the borough as the investment priority over further investment in the Feltham Arenas track.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
Adult (16+) participation rates in athletics activities are consistently higher across London than nationally reflecting the greater access to tracks in the capital and the popularity of the Parkrun mass participation initiative in many of London's parks and group street running initiatives offered by organisations like Run Dem Crew. The demand trend for athletics is one of steady growth. Although participation rates in Hounslow tend to be lower than the London average, forecast population growth, alongside new public health initiatives focusing on free to access activities such as Parkrun, is likely to result in overall growth in demand particularly for good quality paths and lighting in parks over the strategy period.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?
NO. For the medium term, England Athletics advocate the provision of one or two compact or 'J' track in the borough at appropriate school sites with on site management for community access. England Athletics would consider providing match funding to develop a facility of this type in the borough.
What is the overall quality level?
The quality of the main track and field facility at Osterley is high. However, the Feltham Arenas track is in poor condition and, in the medium term, may become surplus to requirements if the proposed developments of new actively managed and maintained 'J Tracks' on school sites are provided. In terms of community running and jogging in the borough's parks, further enhancement of paths and lighting should be the main priority in the short term.

Golf
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?
There are 4 golf centres located in Hounslow (two in the east and two in the west), all offering affordable Pay and Play access. There is also an 18 hole public pitch and putt course in Gunnersbury Park on the border with Ealing borough and five minutes walk from Acton underground station. Footgolf is also available to play on this course. Demand for golf is experiencing gradual decline.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?
YES. The borough has the appropriate pay and play facilities available to promote greater participation in golf through more promotions, work with schools and more innovation such as the recent development of new activities like footgolf.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
YES. The existing facilities are of adequate quality.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
While the participation trend is one of steady decline, in Hounslow this is likely to be outweighed

Golf
over the period of the strategy by new demand resulting from forecast population growth.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?
YES. Overall, the existing provision of sites for pay and play golf and related activities in the borough should be retained for the period of the strategy although some rationalisation linked to enhancement of the golf facilities at these sites is likely to be acceptable without adversely affecting the balance of supply and demand in the borough. More development activities and promotion of the facilities is needed to grow use and participation.
What is the overall quality level?
Acceptable.

Minor Pitch Sports
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?
<p>Gaelic Football: Heston Gaels are a Gaelic Athletic Association club based in Hounslow borough drawing players (male, female and juniors) predominantly from within the Irish expatriate community from a wide catchment across West London. The club's home base is at the Gunnersbury Sports & Social Club in Park Place W3 on the borough border with Ealing. Hounslow residents can also access pitches marked for Gaelic Football in Greenford in neighbouring Ealing at Perivale Park and Berkeley Fields.</p> <p>Hurling (men): No current supply or unmet demand for Hurling has been identified. The nearest provision for these sports for Hounslow residents is Kilburn Gaels Hurling Club and St Gabriels Hurling Club London. Both sites are located in Brent.</p> <p>Camogie (women): Berkeley Fields Playing Pitches in North Greenford is also the nearest location for residents of Hounslow wishing to play Camogie (female version of Hurling).</p> <p>Shinty: London Camanachd is the only shinty club in London playing in Wandsworth and Greenford (accessible to many Hounslow residents).</p> <p>Polo and Cycle Polo: No current supply or unmet demand has been identified. The nearest provision for these sports is in Richmond (Ham Polo Club) and in Hackey (London Hardcourt Bike Polo).</p> <p>Lacrosse: No current supply or unmet demand has been identified. The nearest provision for this is West London Lacrosse Club in Richmond.</p> <p>Rounders: There are no adults clubs or competitions or marked areas for rounders in the borough's parks. The nearest large park with pitches hired for regular friendly games (most between teams of co-workers) is in The Regent's Park in Camden.</p> <p>Baseball & Softball: Greater London Mixed Softball League fixtures are held on Wednesday evenings at Boston Manor Playing Fields, Chiswick Sports Ground, the Concorde Club in Heston, and the GlaxoSmithKline Swyncombe Avenue Playing Fields. The nearest club is Ealing Chargers training in Northfields (Blondin Park).</p> <p>Australian Football League: The West London Wildcats play in the AFL Premiership Division and are based at Dukes Meadow Playing Fields. The Shepherds Bush Raiders, who play in the Conference Division, and The Ealing Emus, who play in the Social Divisions, are also located at this site, all of the teams train on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm.</p> <p>American Football: There is no American Football club based in west London. The nearest currently available to Hounslow residents are London Blitz playing in Finsbury Park in Haringey and London Hornets playing home fixtures at Mill Hill Rugby Club and training in The Regent's Park in central London.</p> <p>Rugby League: The West London Sharks play at Chiswick Rugby Club, Dukes Meadow. The club has both men's and women's teams and cater for all ages over 16. Training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. The other RFL club serving Hounslow is The London Broncos who have both junior and senior teams (including a professional team) and are now based at the Trailfinders Sports Club in Ealing.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?
YES. Assuming that West London Sharks RFL and Aussie Rules football clubs are not displaced from Duke's Meadows.

Minor Pitch Sports
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
YES. However, improved ancillary (changing and refreshment) facilities are needed to support rugby league and Aussie Rules football at Duke's Meadows.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?
No major changes in the picture of supply or demand for minor playing pitch sports are considered likely to take place over the period of the strategy. However, demand for Gaelic sports, Aussie Rules and American Football is subject to the size of these ex-pat communities resident in West London which can fluctuate markedly in relation to changes in the economic climate in these countries.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?
YES. However, a key consideration for Rugby League and Australian Rules teams based in Chiswick will be continued access to facilities at Duke's Meadows.
What is the overall quality level?
Acceptable.

3. Scenario Testing

Potential scenarios identified in the course of researching the assessments of need for the individual playing pitch sports and consultation with members of the project Steering Group are identified below together with conclusions as to the potential impact on the overall picture of supply and demand and future needs.

Potential Impact of Scenarios on Supply/Demand Balance
What if the quality of sites rated as poor are improved?
Cricket
The major quality improvements to the cricket pitches and pavilion facilities planned at Gunnersbury Park should help to alleviate the current shortfall in supply of cricket facilities in the east sub area. However, given the proximity of the park to the borough boundary and its accessibility from other parts of Central West London, operational management policies will be needed to ensure the upgraded facilities benefit Hounslow based teams and clubs (e.g. preferential rates and priority booking).
In the west of the borough, the priority issue is one of lack of pitches as opposed to the poor quality of existing provision.
The main priority for quality enhancement (once the priority projects for new provision at Gunnersbury and Church Meadow and an NTP in Lampton Park have been delivered) is to upgrade or replace the pavilion at Boston Manor Playing Fields (owned by London Playing Fields).
Football
As more than half the natural turf football pitches in the borough fall below a good standard, large scale improvement in quality of these pitches, if achieved, would help accommodate a good deal of future unmet demand. However, large-scale quality improvement is a challenge given the preponderance of pitches with London Clay soil, which tends to compact, and the Council's large savings target for its parks budget. Periodic review of the Council/Contractor pitch maintenance specification with the Middlesex FA's Regional Pitch Adviser is recommended to help ensure the available budget for park pitches is used to best effect. For club maintained sites, the FA propose to offer club volunteers more training in pitch maintenance and to make available equipment banks at strategically located sites. Given the demography of the borough, it is recommended that two equipment banks be considered at accessible sites, one in the east (potentially Gunnersbury Park or Duke's Meadows) and one in the west sub-areas (possibly Bedfont Sports/Orchard RG or Green Lane). Reduced maintenance to some of the smaller park sites may

be necessary in light of the savings target facilitated by relocation of some formal football use from these smaller sites to the proposed new larger sports hub sites at Gunnersbury Park, Duke's Meadow, Lampton Park and Feltham Parks as these projects are implemented.

Hockey

Without re-investment in the playing surfaces of the pitches in Duke's Meadow (Barnes HC) and the University of Westminster Quintin Hogg Memorial Ground (Richmond HC), there is a risk, in the medium term, that the poor quality of these pitches will start to impact adversely on participation and opportunities to play competitive hockey in the borough. Should the quality of these pitches decline significantly over the strategy period, then, increasingly, those Hounslow residents who either already play at one of these clubs or wish to take up the game will need to seek alternative good quality pitches at sites outside Hounslow. From reviewing the hockey AGP provision in the neighbour boroughs of Richmond, Hammersmith & Fulham, Ealing and in Wandsworth borough, there is no spare capacity at hockey sites in these local authority areas in the peak hours. This finding is endorsed by England Hockey. Resurfacing of the pitches at Dukes Meadow and the University of Westminster Sports Ground will therefore be necessary to sustain the success of hockey and junior development in the borough.

Rugby

At Hanworth Air Park (Feltham RFC), the Isleworth Memorial Ground (Old Isleworthians RFC) and Dukes Meadows (King's House School and Chiswick RFC), improvements in maintenance may help to address the imbalance in supply and demand at these sites. As with football, these sites present particular maintenance challenges, for example compaction and standing water at Hanworth and localised subsidence at Dukes Meadows Riverside Lands resulting from the historical uses of these sites. The master plans for these two sites commissioned by the Council should consider options to address the quality issues to increase capacity.

Tennis

The Gunnersbury Park project to provide 8 high quality floodlit courts and pavilion facility (replacing worn out courts in a different location within the park) will have a major impact on the supply/demand balance in the east of the borough, provided access for Hounslow residents is safeguarded within the pricing, programming and booking policies. In the central area there is a current shortfall in good quality public courts. Rationalisation and upgrading of the courts in Lampton Park is required to convert latent demand in this area. In the west, upgrading the courts at Feltham Park would improve the position.

What if community use can be secured at certain sites?

Cricket

Aside from the independent King's House School, there is minimal facility provision for cricket on school playing field sites in Hounslow. Heathfield School has a NTP but the playing field is built on landfill and is too uneven for cricket use.

Football

Most of the secondary school playing fields in the borough are already made available to community football clubs and groups at weekends and, where schools have AGPs, these are available for community teams to hire. In most cases, the community access is not subject to any long term community use agreement and such agreements are unlikely to be negotiable retrospectively other than as conditions of future capital grant awards for facility upgrades.

There is a potential opportunity at Cranford Community College in the west of the borough to secure increased community access out of school hours to the Dome 3G pitch for west Hounslow based football teams (and possibly rugby teams). This new community use will depend on QPR FC proceeding with current plans to develop a new training and academy ground at Ealing Council's Warren Farm Sports Ground in Southall, which is likely to take several years.

Hockey

Barnes Hockey Club needs to secure access to the Council owned hockey AGP at Dukes Meadows for the long term unless an alternative playing base can be found, which appears unlikely in view of the lack of spare capacity at hockey compliant pitches in central West London. If the Dukes Meadow pitch were secured by the club for the long term it would be prepared to invest in the

necessary remedial works to the sub base and resurfacing to a sand dressed playing surface (currently water based). In this scenario, the club would also be interested in any potential opportunities to secure access to changing and tea making facilities at this site.

Rugby

Community club use of King's House School pitches in Chiswick is key to meeting rugby demand in the east of the borough, although many players at the Civil Service RFC live outside the borough.

The RFU facility strategy is very much focused on sites where community rugby clubs have long term tenure (or are a section of a multi sports club or association with long term tenure) and are financially self-sustaining. However, in the west of Hounslow there are few facilities particularly for training (e.g. for the Feltham Club in Hanworth Park) and there may be an opportunity in the medium term to secure access to either the rugby compliant Feltham College 3G pitch for midweek training and/or for programming informal games, mini tag festivals etc.

What if some pitches are re-designated from one sport or pitch type to another?

In the east, to address the high level of demand for both football and hockey from across the Central/West London sub region, re-designation of some of the relatively low quality grass football pitches at Dukes Meadow Riverside Lands to AGPs (i.e. at least one 3G Community FTP for football and, ideally, an AGP suitable for both football and rugby use plus a second sand dressed hockey AGP) would greatly improve the supply/demand balance in this sub-region (i.e. extending well beyond the Hounslow borough boundary) for all three sports and would complement the committed proposals for an outdoor sports hub in Gunnersbury Park further to the south. The feasibility of such redesignations on this key site in the context of planning and financial considerations is subject to a facilities masterplan commissioned by the Council.

The advanced, funded plans for a change of surface of the Orchard Sports Ground main pitch at Bedford Sports Ground to 3G in Feltham will facilitate addressing unmet demand and the growth plans of the main Bedford football clubs in the west of the borough. Similarly, in the longer term, a further community 3G pitch at Green Lane would meet the growth plans of the CB Hounslow football club and support other community clubs and teams in this sub area.

Further re-designations from grass to 3G FTP will need to be considered at strategic sites in the west of the borough to meet future demand from other, smaller community clubs for youth football and mini soccer in particular and to meet demand for informal games. Feltham Parks (including Glebelands and the Feltham Arenas) and the planned new public park at Rectory Farm in Cranford are both well connected, accessible locations that present opportunities subject to detailed feasibility assessment.

In the central area, a change of surface of the Lampton school pitches to floodlit FTP would address unmet demand and growth in this area should funding and planning consents be secured.

What if a site outside the borough that caters for significant demand is no longer available?

Where sites and playing pitches in neighbouring boroughs play a role in meeting demand from Hounslow based clubs and teams, this has been taken into consideration in the sport specific assessment of need reports in appendices A to D. As part of this assessment it has been concluded that loss of availability of either of the following key sites outside the borough where there are current perceived risks would have significant adverse impact on the playing pitch supply/demand balance in Hounslow:

- Linford Christie Stadium AGP - conversion of this sand based AGP in Hammersmith & Fulham borough to a 3G FTP would displace teams from PHC Chiswick club, placing additional demand on other sand based pitches in west London including those in the east sub area of Hounslow
- Whitton Park Association CJ Smith Memorial Sports Ground - this key cricket site in the ownership of the Latymer School Foundation is the home site of Chiswick & Whitton CC and just over the borough boundary in Richmond borough. Long term availability should be secure on conclusion of ongoing lease negotiations between the club and the Foundation

What if new pitches are provided on a specific site or sites?

New FTPs, cricket pitches and floodlit tennis courts will be supplied at Gunnersbury Park (along with upgrades to existing grass football pitches, a cricket pitch and a rugby pitch) and will impact positively by addressing unmet and future demand for facilities to play these outdoor sports in the east sub area of Hounslow borough (including Brentford where substantial new housing is planned).

The proposal at Church Meadow Playing Field in Sutton Lane to reinstate a former cricket pitch along with winter sports pitches and provide a pavilion as part of the current plans for school expansions will alleviate overplay on the Indian Gymkhana club's home ground - for both cricket and football - and provide capacity for more junior sports development for this key club and, potentially, for CB Hounslow FC.

However, these changes to supply will not address the deficiency in pay and play provision for non-traditional forms of cricket in the central and west areas of the borough required to serve the large and growing latent demand in these areas. A new NTP in Lampton Park (complementing the new provision of an NTP and NT practice net system in Heston Park) will be needed to address this supply deficiency in future as a consequence of planned housing growth in Central Hounslow.

In the west of the borough the shortfall of cricket facilities is likely to grow as a result of new housing development in Feltham and the Heathrow development area. The non-turf pitch installed in Avenue Park in Cranford in 2015 is unlikely to suffice. Current opportunities to augment NTP supply in the west sub area are identified at Rectory Farm in Heston (linked to developer proposals) and in Feltham Parks.

What if there is a reduction in the maintenance budget for some sites?

The Council has made savings in its parks and open spaces budget in recent years and has a target for a further £1.2 million of savings by 2019.

The London Clay soil type and overplay at a number of sites causes issues of compaction and poor grass quality/cover. Responsibility for fine turf maintenance (of bowling greens and cricket squares) has already been transferred to the main user clubs under lease terms or management agreements. (Similarly, maintenance responsibility for the hockey AGP at Dukes Meadow has been transferred to the user club. Subject to securing tenure, the club proposes to resurface this pitch as a sand dressed playing surface which will cost less to maintain than the existing water based surface).

In this context, the further reduction in the parks maintenance budgets for Council owned sites, this will necessitate more maintenance tasks by trained club volunteers simply to uphold the current levels and playing capacity. To work effectively, any further transfer of maintenance responsibilities will necessitate additional resource from the sports bodies for training more volunteers in grounds maintenance skills and, in the case of football, an equipment bank of specialist equipment and vehicles that clubs can loan from the Middlesex FA. In addition, as the playing pitch hub sites recommended in this strategy are delivered, the Council should look to relocate formal football (matches and team training) from its smaller park sites to the nearest hub site with capacity. The smaller park playing field areas can then be maintained to a lower 'amenity' level for informal football and other playing pitch sports to recreation levels of play and outdated pavilion buildings removed thereby reducing revenue costs.

What if further sports development initiatives or new forms of the sport are introduced?

Over the period of the strategy there will be a sharper focus on providing appropriate low cost opportunities for the inactive to get active under the Government and Sport England 'Active Nation' agenda. In the short term, this will be reflected in the investment grant programmes of Sport England from 2016 to 2020.

The facility implications are likely to be greater demand in free to access park settings (for shelters, paths, lighting, toilets) and for 'clean' artificial grass or hardcourt games courts suitable and accessible (either free or at low cost) for informal games. For playing pitch sports, initiatives are likely to include more targeted programming and informal, less physically demanding forms of play similar to the FA's walking football programme, the RFU's adult touch programme supported by O2, and informal forms of cricket (tapeball, French cricket etc).

Hounslow Council's current policy for outdoor sport and active recreation aligns well with the Active Nation agenda with its focus on investing in improving signage and basic infrastructure (paths etc) and providing free to use facilities for informal sport and outdoor recreation (e.g. outdoor gyms, small games areas, non turf cricket pitches, MUGAs, parkour/ skate/BMX areas etc) in a number of parks and open spaces in strategic locations.

What if a pitch is taken out of the supply in an area and replaced with provision elsewhere?

As part of the master plan considerations for the Duke's Meadow site in the east of the borough, redesignating the pay and play adult football pitches on Riverside Drive (which have no changing or WCs) for informal games should be considered alongside change of surface of at least one grass pitch on Riverside Lands to floodlit FTP to accommodate displaced teams.

Similarly, in the west of the borough, it is recommended that consideration be given to removing the formal pitches with no pavilion facilities in Grosvenor Park and redesignating these for informal play space, provided that West London Youth FC first secure a suitable alternative site in the Feltham area with pitch capacity and ancillary facilities to accommodate this growing club.

There is a significant increase in demand in a specific part of the study area?

The strategic housing growth plans for the borough show the areas of greatest growth will be Brentford in the east and Central Hounslow. There is also likely to be significant population growth over the strategy period in the West of Borough as a result of housing growth and proposed transport connectivity enhancements.

The Council has embarked on a programme of investment in enhancements to strategic parks since 2010. To meet increased future demand for accessible facilities for community outdoor sport arising from population growth, the borough's Infrastructure Delivery Plan to 2030 needs to include provisions for strategic outdoor sports 'hub sites' offering a range of high quality, sustainable outdoor sports and recreation facilities in each of the East, Central and West sub-areas, each offering pay and play and free to access facilities and complementing the main dedicated sports club/association sites in these areas.

On the basis of the needs evidence, it is recommended that the following park sites are designated and enhanced as community hubs for outdoor sports offering a mix of facility types and opportunities for participation in both formal and informal outdoor sports and recreation:

- East - Gunnersbury Park & Duke's Meadows
- Central - Lampton Park & Heston Park
- West - Hanworth Park & Feltham Parks

Subject to detailed feasibility assessment and planning, there is also an opportunity to secure facilities for outdoor sports for pay and play and free access as part of developer proposals for a new public park at Rectory Farm in Cranford Lane. This location close to the A312 Parkway is very accessible to housing growth areas in the west of the borough and to parts of Hillingdon borough.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Introduction

The recommendations of this Playing Pitch Strategy for Hounslow Borough are made in the context of the Borough Council's vision for Physical Activity and Sport - i.e. 'By 2022, to create a healthier more active Borough, where residents have easy access to high quality facilities and opportunities'.

The recommendations are also informed by The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 74. The NPPF stipulates that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

The PPS recommendations also provide support to the relevant planning policies in The Hounslow Local Plan 2015-2030 (adopted version September 2015). The Local Plan sets out the vision, objectives, spatial strategy and the strategic policies for the Borough up to 2030.

The Local Plan policies of direct relevance to this playing pitch strategy for Hounslow Borough are:

Policy GB9 - Play space , outdoor sports facilities and burial space

Our approach

We will protect and improve the provision of play spaces, outdoor sports facilities and burial spaces to meet the diverse needs of the borough's population now and in the future.

We will achieve this by...

- (a) Promoting the provision of high quality play spaces that cater for a range of age groups and help meet the needs of the borough's growing child population;
- (b) Supporting high quality sports facilities to meet demands for a range of sports and active pursuits across the borough, where they are acceptable uses in accordance with policies GB1 (to protect and enhance Green Belt & Metropolitan Open Land) and GB2 (to protect and enhance Open Space);
- (c) Promoting the multifunctional use of existing open space for play and sports, including school sports facilities and playing fields;
- (d) Ensuring burial space is preserved to ensure availability of provision to meet the borough's burial needs now and in the future; and
- (e) Resisting the loss of play areas or outdoor sports facilities, including playing fields.

We will expect development proposals to...

- (f) Be consistent with the open space and/or nature conservation designation of the land;
- (g) Avoid the loss of play areas, burial spaces or outdoor sports facilities, including playing fields, except in very special circumstances, as set out in the NPPF;
- (h) Ensure sports facilities retain the sense of openness. Where floodlighting can enable longer use of outdoor sports facilities, proposals should avoid unacceptable adverse impacts on local residents, biodiversity (as set out in policy GB7) and/or the openness and setting of the open space;
- (i) Contribute to the provision of improved outdoor sports facilities, where possible; and
- (j) Contribute to the improvements or expansion of play spaces, and provide new play spaces where appropriate in accordance with the standards set out in the London Plan.

We are taking this approach because...

The multifunctional use of open spaces for play, sport and recreation is important, and should be optimised. Play, sport and recreation are an integral part of the borough's social infrastructure, and contribute to the health and well-being of borough residents, both young and old. Play areas are particularly important in high density urban areas where families may not have access to private outdoor space, and should be planned for in areas of major development and intensification, to cater for additional children and young people, to tackle existing deficiencies and ensure they are not made worse by new development.

4.2 Protect Enhance and Provide

In this existing policy context for outdoor sport and recreation in Hounslow, this Playing Pitch Strategy recommends the following for playing pitches and the other outdoor sports in scope. The recommendations are set out below under three headings: *Protect*, *Enhance* and *Provide*.

Protect

1. Hounslow Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and assessed existing and future needs for playing pitch provision across the Borough (see Appendices A to D). The firm conclusion is that there is an identified need to retain all existing sports grounds and other active recreation areas that are currently in use or temporarily closed pending completion of committed sports facility enhancement proposals to meet either current or future needs for these sports to 2030. Therefore the Council should apply Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields policy 'A sporting future for the playing fields of England (1997)' and resist any planning application which will result in the loss of playing field land unless the Council is satisfied that the application meets with one or more of the policy exceptions. Should a playing field/pitch (and/or sport facility of a type in scope) exist in Hounslow borough that is not mentioned in this Planning Pitch Strategy, its omission is not an endorsement by Sport England or the relevant national governing body of that sport of its disposal.
2. All playing field sites in the borough should be safeguarded from 'reverse sensitivity' effects (e.g. noise and/or floodlighting nuisance, restricted access) where new housing is proposed on neighbouring sites.
3. An assessment of need for tennis courts has also been carried out (see Appendix F). The existing supply of maintained public tennis courts in parks (both free to access and pay and play) should be retained and sustainable operating models continue to be explored for the smaller sites as appropriate, for example, through agreements with nearby community clubs, coaches or specialist operators. Where park courts are of particularly low quality and are found to attract no use or interest from clubs or operators, options for their replacement at accessible strategic hub sites with ancillary facilities and through securing and promoting new public access to courts out-of-hours on high school sites should be considered. There is no needs case for the reinstatement of any tennis courts in the borough that are currently closed. Disused tennis courts in the borough should be considered for another sport or recreation use where a local need is established.
4. An assessment of need for bowling greens has also been carried out (see Appendix E). In the short term, Bowls England and the Bowls Development Alliance should strive to reverse the decline in demand for outdoor bowling greens in public parks through development activity and promotion in liaison with the clubs and partner agencies. If the trend is not reversed, in east of the borough where there are several greens in quite close proximity, there may be a case in the period to 2030 for rationalisation or club mergers to ensure sustainability. This issue should be considered periodically in the course of the strategy review process.
5. The Council will continue to work with strategic sports partners (Sport England, London Sport, the national governing bodies of sport for playing pitch sports), playing pitch site owners including schools, colleges and local sports clubs to seek agreements to secure access for community sport at those sports grounds and active recreation sites in the borough - including those on education sites - where long term access is currently unsecured.
6. Where playing field sites, tennis courts and/or bowling greens are in the Council's ownership, the policy of securing community access through asset transfer to community clubs and/or sports associations should continue to be applied provided that:
 - i. The facilities are assessed as of good quality by the relevant governing bodies of sport prior to transfer;
 - ii. The organisation is able to demonstrate it has the capacity and resources to maintain the facilities to a good standard, meeting NGB league requirements and to deliver

- sports development outcomes (and this forms part of any service level agreement), and
- iii. Opportunities for informal play (either on the subject site or on another site in the same catchment area) are fully safeguarded.
7. In seeking to secure a further £1.2m savings in the Parks & Open Spaces budget to 2019 in accordance with the Corporate Asset Management Strategy & Asset Management Plan (2015- 2030), the Council will seek with its parks management contractor, leaseholders, suitably trained club volunteers and the sports' national governing bodies to ensure that formal playing pitches are maintained to a good standard in recognition of the contribution of playing pitches to the Council's strategic aims and priorities for public health and the environment.
 8. As there is no surplus of playing pitches in the borough, the Council will ensure that any reduction in the number of grass pitches maintained, marked and equipped as appropriate for hire to community football teams on park and recreation ground sites will not take place unless teams hiring the pitches in question are first successfully migrated to another playing pitch site of at least equivalent quality in the same catchment area with the equivalent spare capacity in the peak time (i.e. new provision of either grass or FA accredited 3G pitches) at a cost of hire equivalent to similar facilities in the local area. Where such a relocation of match play takes place, the grass will continue to be maintained to a level that encourages continued informal play for football or other pitch sports.
 9. At those AGPs in the borough with a sand dressed, sand based or water based playing surface endorsed by England Hockey as suitable for competition and training, the Council will seek to use its influence with providers (for example through leases, management agreements or the planning process) to protect this existing hockey compliant AGP stock from change in surface to 3G.
 10. The Council and its partners will continue to seek to influence the design and specification of new or replacement sports facilities on education sites in the Borough to ensure their suitability for dual (education and community) use, securing formal Community Use Agreements at each site to meet the established current and future demand.
 11. As a condition of future planning consents for new or replacement artificial grass pitches to be used predominantly for football, the Council will ensure that these facilities are FA tested to the British Standard for Synthetic Turf Sports Surfaces (BS EN 15330-1) and are listed on the FA 3G Football Turf Pitch Register.
 12. Similarly, through use of the planning development control system, the Council will ensure any AGP development in the Borough for contact rugby is IRB / World Rugby compliant.
 13. Existing free to access multi use games areas in parks and recreation grounds for informal outdoor sports use will be retained, maintained and replaced when required as available resources allow.
 14. To address the growing problem of unauthorised use of pay and play football pitches in parks for team training, by coaching schools and boot camps/group fitness training (which impacts on pitch quality for hiring teams), the Council will work with the Middlesex FA to agree sanctions for FA/AFA affiliated teams and coaching organisations and promote and apply a licensing policy in public parks.

Enhance

1. The Council will encourage its current parks contractor to carry out an annual review of its playing pitch maintenance regimes in consultation with the Middlesex Football Association, Middlesex Cricket Board and their respective pitch advisers to secure maximum value and ensure the budget is employed as effectively as possible to meet the specific requirements of these sports towards achievement of the pitch quality standards set out at 4.3 below. In addition, advice will be sought from The FA Regional Pitch Advisor when future grass pitch maintenance contracts are prepared to ensure that they meet the FA Performance Quality

Standard (PQS) and that an appropriate performance quality assurance and monitoring regime is in place.

2. The Council will work in partnership with the Middlesex Football Association (and other National Governing Bodies as appropriate) to establish one or more equipment loan banks at a strategic site or sites in the borough accessible to community sports club volunteers responsible for playing pitch maintenance and in the delivery of associated training. The enhancement plans for Gunnersbury Park in the east and, in the west, Orchard Sports Ground or Green Lane should include consideration of this provision.
3. Where feasible the Council and its contractors will consider using moveable football goal post systems in public parks to take pressure off goalmouths, and to evaluate moving pitches periodically to reduce wear. The Council will work with Middlesex FA to identify a package of goalposts that need to be replaced across the borough on a site by site basis so that this can be delivered in one go.
4. The Council will work with strategic sports partners (including Sport England, relevant National Governing Bodies of sport and other funders) and with local stakeholders to implement enhancement projects on priority sites for each sport identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy Action Plan set out in section 5. below and its subsequent revisions.
5. In accordance with Policy GB9 (point i.) of the Local Plan 2015, contributions towards off-site improvements to existing playing pitches, or on-site provision of playing pitches, will continue to be sought under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) mechanism from all qualifying developments as appropriate. Appropriate financial contributions will also continue to be sought for ongoing playing pitch maintenance.
6. Developer contributions for improved outdoor sports and recreation community infrastructure - arising from qualifying developments under the Council's policies and charges for Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) adopted in July 2015 - will be allocated to a priority project for new enhanced facilities for outdoor sport at an open space site as set out in the Action Plan of the Council's adopted Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) current at the time the planning application is submitted. The site to receive the contribution will be located within the walk to catchment area of the development site (i.e. one mile approx.) or, if no such site exists, to the next closest priority site in the PPS Action Plan.
7. Informed by the sport by sport 'Situation at Individual Sites' analysis tables in the appendices to this Playing Pitch Strategy, the Council will seek to ensure that spare capacity during peak hours at existing playing pitch sites is utilised before considering new grass playing pitch provision.
8. The Council will continue to liaise with the community football clubs and Middlesex FA to ensure that the available playing pitch space in parks and recreation grounds are in the optimum configuration (e.g. pitch sizes and orientations and goal sizes) to align with changing trends in participation and, where possible, allow a margin of spare capacity at peak times to minimise backlogs of matches following prolonged periods of bad weather. Currently, the number of youth teams outstrips the number of dedicated youth size pitches (11v11 or 9v9) more than six-fold with many of the youth 11 a side teams (from u13 age) playing on adult pitches and several adult pitches over-marked as youth pitches with portable goal systems. For mini soccer the borough has nearly four teams per dedicated mini soccer pitch (7v7 or 5v5) with community access. This should be rectified by converting some adult pitches into youth/mini soccer pitches (or over-marking adult pitches with small sided lines where the pitch carrying capacity and level of play allows) and, where possible, through the migration of youth football and mini soccer onto new FTPs.
9. The focus for enhancing tennis facility provision during the strategy period will be on delivering the planned enhancements and rationalisation of under-used, low-grade park courts in Gunnersbury Park and making similar improvements to the tennis courts in Heston Park, Feltham Park and Lampton Park to make them more attractive to the

community. On site management of the enhanced courts on these sites will need to be ensured to maintain court quality and promote their use in partnership with the County LTA, Tennis for Free plus local specialist coaches and providers.

10. The focus for enhancing rugby facility provision during the strategy period will be on delivering the planned enhancements of the club based sites, particularly those where long term access is secured either through freehold ownership or a long lease.

Provide

1. In assessing opportunities for new provision, the Council and its partners will, subject to local planning development control considerations, prioritise facility types and specifications that can accommodate high levels of use both for formal competition and training and informal games. For example, floodlit AGPs - either sand dressed (suitable for hockey and football training) or 3G (suitable for football and for rugby union & league subject to length of pile and installation of a shock pad) - non-turf cricket pitches and practice nets. Where new playing pitches are provided, appropriate arrangements will be put in place to ensure effective management and maintenance of these facilities. No investment in new provision will be considered without a business plan establishing that the ongoing asset managements costs of maintaining and refreshing the facilities are sustainable.
2. In providing new pitches, whether grass or artificial, the Council and its partners will seek to ensure that the facilities are provided in accordance with the appropriate published technical guidance of Sport England and/or the relevant sport governing body. Consideration will be given to 'future proofing' the layout/design to allow space for future expansion if required and for moving pitches periodically to reduce wear and tear.
3. In accordance with the findings of the 2016 Built Facilities Strategy and the playing pitch sports assessments of facility needs (appended), the priority for new provision is to deliver a network of good quality and accessible playing pitches, outdoor sports courts and ancillary facilities throughout the borough. Key sites for outdoor sports in relation to the main population centres and development opportunity areas are identified below (along with planned new facilities for outdoor sport to meet identified needs):

Sports at site	Sub Area	Site Name	Recommended New Facility Provision	Project Status
Cricket Football Rugby Tennis Bowls Golf	East	Gunnersbury Park (CROSS BOROUGH HUB SITE FOR LBH & LBE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 3 cricket o 2 floodlit 3G FTPs o 9 adult football pitches o 1 rugby pitch o 8 floodlit tennis courts o Sports pavilion 	Committed £14m joint project with LB Ealing and external funding partners
All PPS sports in scope	East	Dukes Meadow (HUB SITE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2 floodlit 3G FTPs (one Rugby compliant) o Resurfaced sand dressed floodlit hockey AGP (and potential 2nd pitch in long term) o Replacement or enhanced clubhouse & changing facilities 	Site facility master plan commissioned
Cricket Football	East	Church Meadows Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cricket pitch with NTP o Mini soccer pitches on outfield o Sports pavilion 	Proposal with Indian Gymkhana Club linked to plans for school spaces
Rugby Netball	East	Conquest Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Floodlit Rugby AGP o Floodlit rugby pitches o 3 floodlit netball courts o Pavilion 	Proposal for replacement new facilities for Grasshoppers RFC and netball club linked to plans for school spaces

Sports at site	Sub Area	Site Name	Recommended New Facility Provision	Project Status
Cricket Football Tennis	East	Lampton Park / Lampton School (HUB SITE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cricket NTP (Park) o Floodlit 3G FTP (School) 	PPS Recommendation
Cricket Tennis	East	Kingsley Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sports Hall (equip for cricket practice and short tennis) o 3 tennis court MUGA (no lights) 	Committed project on site
Football	West	Orchard Playing Field (Bedfont Sports Club)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Floodlit 3G FTP 	Funded project with planning consent
Football	West	Green Lane (CB Hounslow)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Floodlit 3G FTP 	PPS Recommendation for medium term - recent FA investment in grass pitches
Cricket Football Tennis Cycling	West	Feltham Parks (HUB SITE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Floodlit 3G FTP(s) o Cricket NTP(s) o Closed road cycle track o BMX facility o Facilities for informal sport and recreation o Sports pavilion 	Master plan for Feltham Parks commissioned. PPS recommendation for facility feasibility study
Cricket Football Hockey	West	Rectory Farm Cranford (HUB SITE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Floodlit FTP(s) o Grass pitches o Cricket NTP(s) o Hockey AGP o Facilities for informal sport and recreation 	Planning approval sought for mineral extraction works and phased provision of a new park PPS recommendation for facility feasibility study
Rugby Football Netball	West	Hanworth Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Additional rugby pitch o Facilities for informal sport and recreation 	PPS Recommendation

4.3 Pitch Quality Standards

Pitch carrying capacity has a direct relationship with pitch quality scores. Improved quality directly affects pitch carrying capacity. Investment in quality enhancements to pitches at existing playing pitch sites with secure community access is, usually, more cost effective than investment in new provision. For example, raising the quality of a football pitch from 'Standard' to 'Good' would enable an additional game per week to be accommodated.

Key sites are identified in the Action Plan below where raising the pitch standard to the 'good' standard described below would have a significant impact on overall capacity. Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy contributions in combination with contributions towards new provision and external grants are the means of funding the necessary improvement works to ensure there is sufficient capacity in future to meet demand generated by new homes and population growth in the borough.

Quality Standards for Playing Pitches

Cricket: Future standard – Good (i.e. an aggregate rating of 80% or more against ECB Non-Technical Visual Quality Assessment proforma criteria and scoring mechanism for the outfield, grass wickets, changing pavilion, artificial wickets and non-turf cricket practice nets as applicable to the site)

Football: Future Standard – Good (i.e. an aggregate rating of 80% or more against FA Non-Technical Visual Quality Assessment proforma criteria and scoring mechanism for the assessment criteria and aggregate rating scores for the playing surface and maintenance programme)

Rugby Union: Future Standard – Good (M2) rating (i.e. no action needed on maintenance) and D3 rating (i.e. no action needed on pitch drainage).

AGPs: Future Standard - Good (80% or more against Sport England Non-Technical Visual Quality Assessment proforma criteria and scoring mechanism for the playing surface age, condition, markings, fencing, security, goals and posts and ancillary facilities).

5. Action Plan

Aligning with the strategic policies above, this final section of the Playing Pitch Strategy sets out an action plan for delivering the new provision and facility enhancement needs identified in the sport-specific assessments of need reports in the appendices.

This PPS action plan updates the Council's Draft Sport & Physical Activity Facilities Strategy (May 2015) in respect of those outdoor sports within the scope of the PPS - i.e. artificial grass pitches, tennis courts and athletics facilities. It considers recommended actions to address facility needs for these sports and the playing pitch sports according to the following site categories:

1. Strategic multi sport multi pitch playing pitch sites
2. Other multi sport playing pitch sites
3. Sport specific playing pitch sites

In each category, the sites where action is needed over the period of the strategy are listed alphabetically by sub area - i) East Hounslow (including Central Hounslow) and ii) West Hounslow.

Each site-specific action has been allocated an initial priority ranking (high, medium or low) based on assessment of the potential to contribute to the vision and objectives of this Playing Pitch Strategy and the Council's public health agenda. The priority sites for action in the short term were selected on the basis of meeting most if not all of the following criteria:

- o Strategic location (accessibility)
- o Capacity (e.g. multi-pitch, existing or potential good quality rating)
- o Security of access (e.g. long lease, grant conditions, community use agreement)
- o On-site ancillary facilities with management / supervision
- o Potential for delivering sports development outcomes that align with Borough, Sport England, London Sport and NGB strategic aims.

Those high and medium priority projects where there is an identified opportunity to deliver in the short term (i.e. in the next three years) are shaded blue.

Those high priority projects assessed as requiring longer to deliver (i.e. three to six years) are shaded green.

In accordance with the published guidance for the preparation of playing pitch strategies, the Council will convene and chair an annual meeting of the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group to review progress against this Action Plan and update the priority projects to reflect material changes in the picture of supply and demand and changing scenarios for playing pitches, tennis courts and bowling greens/croquet lawns during the preceding 12 months.

Where capital budget sums are shown, these are indicative estimates derived either from project feasibility studies (where these are in place) or from Sport England Facility Cost Guidance Sheets and Pitch Improvement Budget Cost Sheets for the Protecting Playing Fields Programme (to May 2016).

Where grounds are not in Council ownership, the ability to action certain priorities may be hindered, plus all projects will be subject to the planning process and funding being secured both for the initial capital development and ongoing cost of maintaining the facilities.

5.1 Strategic multi sport multi pitch sites

These are sites which comprise of a number of playing pitches and accommodate a range of sports, often used by a significant number of organisations and clubs. Pitches as well as ancillary facilities including changing rooms, toilets, social spaces and car parking, will be either maintained or developed to a standard acceptable for local clubs to play in organised leagues.

Facilities on those sites in this category that are Council owned are available for pay and play as well as season long bookings.

The user catchment for these strategic sites, located across the borough, include the wider West London area.

Future development may include the building of indoor facilities on site in order to make future outdoor sports pitch development and delivery feasible and sustainable and/or the installation of floodlit artificial surface facilities, which will allow the site to be used intensively.

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
EAST					
Dukes Meadows <i>(including playing fields and outdoor sports facilities at Riverside Lands, Riverside Drive, Promenade Approach, King's House School Sports Ground)</i>	Chiswick	Cricket pitch & pavilion; Bowls green & pavilion; Football pitches & shared clubhouse with rowing club; Floodlit Hockey AGP & portaloo; Rugby pitches & clubhouse; Pay & Play pitches for football/american football; Golf driving range & clay tennis courts King's House Sports Ground: Floodlit 3G FTP (rugby compliant), tennis courts, cricket pitches, rugby pitches & pavilion	Medium term & high priority	Subject to site master plan and feasibility findings, provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 floodlit 3G FTP and enhanced grass pitches Enhanced clubhouse & changing facilities for clubs (rugby, football, hockey) Resurfaced or replaced sand dressed AGP for hockey (and possible second hockey AGP) Facilities for informal outdoor sport and recreation King's House School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade changing provision (DDA, mixed gender) 	LBH tbc
Gunnersbury Park	Brentford	Poor pitches for football, cricket, rugby with no pavilion; derelict tennis courts	Short term & high priority	Upgrade pitches (3 new cricket plus 1 upgraded with NTPs, 9 football, 1 rugby), 2 floodlit 3G FTPs Sports hall with pavilion 8 new floodlit tennis courts	LBH/LBE Joint Project £14m
Gunnersbury Park <i>(Continued)</i>		1930s Bowling Green & Pavilion; pitch & putt golf	Long term & low priority	Upgrade or replacement of 1930s bowls pavilion	£75k
Lampton Park	Hounslow (Central)	Good quality football pitches, poor quality tennis courts across adjacent sites & changing room in high quality sports centre on school site	Short term & medium priority	NTP for pay and play and non-traditional cricket; upgrade tennis courts	LBH/School jointly £100k
Lampton School	Hounslow (Central)	Heavily used/worn grass pitches for PE and community football use (including Brentford Girls) with good quality sports hall and changing	Short term & medium priority	New FTP & changing rooms extension	£800k
WEST					
Feltham Parks	Feltham	<u>Feltham Park</u> : Poor tennis courts; MUGA; football pitches & training area & poor pavilion to rear of Feltham Assembly Halls; closed bowling green. <u>Blenheim Park</u> : adult football pitches & changing off site in CB Hounslow Social Club. <u>Glebelands/Arenas</u> : 400m track; large maintained grass areas with no facilities	Medium term & high priority	Complete master plan and commission feasibility to consider provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New 3G FTP(s) and upgraded grass pitches Cricket NTP(s) Upgraded tennis courts Cycling facilities (e.g. closed road cycle track, BMX) Facilities for informal outdoor sport and recreation 	LBH £40k master plan & feasibility
Hanworth Park	Hanworth	Football pitches & training area & clubhouse off site in Eddie's Social Club (Hanworth Sport FC); Rugby pitches & clubhouse (Feltham RFC); Model aircraft club; poor football games area	Medium term & medium priority	Complete master plan and commission feasibility to consider provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional rugby pitch New pavilion lease Facilities for informal outdoor sport and recreation 	LBH £40k master plan & feasibility
Rectory Farm	Cranford	None - POTENTIAL NEW PLAYING FIELD SITE	Medium term & medium	Site owner to establish with Council, FA and other partners the feasibility of providing:	Developer tbc

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
			priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Floodlit 3G FTP(s) and grass pitches o Cricket NTP(s) o A sand dressed hockey AGP o Facilities for informal outdoor sport and recreation 	

5.2 Other multi sport playing pitch sites

The following sites also accommodate more than one outdoor sport. These sites have smaller scale of facility provision for outdoor sport than the strategic multi sport sites in 5.1 above and, for the most part, serve a more local catchment of borough based sports clubs and/or informal use.

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
	EAST				
Church Meadows Playing Field	Hounslow	School playing field - part closed part used by St Mark's School	Short term & medium priority	New cricket pitch with NTP and pavilion for school & club cricket and junior development in partnership with Indian Gymkhana; mini soccer pitches on outfield	LBH - School expansion plan tbc
Conquest Club (Closed)	Osterley	Derelict site - formerly Hounslow Borough FC home ground	Short term & high priority	New floodlit rugby AGP and netball courts for use by relocated Grasshoppers RFC, Grasshopper Netball Club and expanded Nishkam Free School; floodlit rugby pitches & clubhouse (replacing Grasshoppers club facilities at MacFarlane Lane)	LBH - School expansion plan tbc
Grasshoppers RFC, MacFarlane Lane	Osterley	High quality floodlit rugby pitches and clubhouse with adjacent changing room block and garages; floodlit netball courts and car parking	Medium term & high priority	See above - site identified for new Bolder Academy School Free School by 2021	LBH - School expansion plan
Boston Manor Park	Brentford	Football pitches & pavilion (recent security improvements by club with 10yr licence) Tennis (3 courts upgraded 2009 with Boston Manor TC)	Long term & low priority	Upgrade/replace football changing pavilion	LBH or club (subject to grant of lease)
Boston Manor Playing Fields	Brentford	Rugby pitch (home base of Hanwell RFC displaced from LB Ealing); Football pitches; Cricket pitches (2) & shared pavilion of poor quality	Medium term & high priority	Major pavilion upgrade or new pavilion	London Playing Fields Foundation £500k
Chiswick Common	Chiswick	Floodlit football AGPs, Tennis courts & pavilion	Long term & low priority	Keep facility needs under review (leased to 2029)	Rocks Lane (Operator)
Chiswick House Grounds	Chiswick	Cricket Tennis (7 good quality P&P courts, 3 floodlit)	Medium term & low priority	Provision of non turf cricket practice net system Install heating to cricket pavilion	Trust £50k
Redlees Park	Isleworth	MUGA; Youth Football pitches & portacabin changing/storage for Isleworth Colts FC, derelict pavilion (closed); Tennis (2 floodlit all weather upgraded in 2010 managed from adjacent Isleworth LC); Bowling green & pavilion (lease to Isleworth BC expired)	Short term & high priority	Subject to site master plan and feasibility findings, either re-designate for informal football use and accommodate football clubs at a hub site or, if sustainable, provide a new pavilion (replacing temporary portacabins & derelict building) and an additional youth pitch	LBH tbc
Swyncombe Avenue GSK/Fields in Trust Playing Field	Brentford	Cricket pitch; tennis courts & pavilion	n/a	No community use identified	GSK/FIT

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
Swyncombe Avenue School Playing Field	Brentford	Cricket pitches, football pitches, small floodlit AGP (35x20m) & pavilion	n/a	Limited community use - No facility needs identified	Durston School
The Heathland School	Whitton	Poor winter pitches (Youth football - Whitton Wanderers) & rugby (school use only); Floodlit sand AGP (Middlesex Hockey & Football use) & school changing rooms	Medium term & low priority	Levelling of field (landfill subsidence)	School tbc
The Indian Gymkhana Club	Osterley	Cricket pitch with NTP; Football pitches on outfield; Floodlit water based hockey AGP & pavilion with new extension of health and fitness facilities to improve financial sustainability	Medium term & medium priority	Club proposals for: second cricket square to allow rotation; extended non turf practice net & indoor facility with Middlesex CB	Club tbc
The Memorial Ground (Old Isleworthians)	Isleworth	Cricket pitch with NTP; Football pitches on outfield; Rugby pitches & shared pavilion	Medium term & high priority	Major pavilion upgrade or new pavilion	Association £500k
The University Westminster Quinton Hogg Sports Ground	Chiswick	Rugby pitches (2), Floodlit AGPs (2) Hockey/Football; Football pitches (6) and floodlit training area	Medium term & medium priority	The sand dressed pitch is 15 years old and overdue resurfacing Improve showers in shared changing pavilion	University tbc
Wycombe House Cricket Tennis & Social Club	Osterley	Cricket pitch with NTP & 2 bay non turf practice net; 4 good Tennis courts (2 floodlit)	Medium term & medium priority	Upgrade to some changing rooms	Club
	WEST				
Avenue Park	Cranford	Non turf cricket pitch; Football pitch (1) and space for more but no changing or toilet facilities (derelict pavilion); new informal outdoor recreation facilities (2 tennis, parkour, MUGA, outdoor gym)	Medium term & high priority	Limited potential for formal outdoor sport use due to Heathrow flight path restrictions on public gatherings and lack of ancillary facilities Remove derelict buildings	LBH tbc
Cranford Community College	Cranford	Football pitches (5); floodlit 3G FTP (resurfaced 2016); AirHall Covered 3G FTP (undersize for adult match play); small school changing rooms	Medium term & low priority	Consider options for extending changing rooms to provide officials changing. Extend community use of AirHall 3G if QPR Academy relocates to Warren Farm as proposed	College
Feltham Community College	Feltham	Football pitches (4); 3G floodlit AGP (rugby compliant) & Sand floodlit AGP; school changing rooms	Short term & high priority	Repairs to grass pitches (remove goalmouth mounding etc)	College
Grosvenor Park	Feltham	Tennis courts (2 poor dense macadam); Football pitches (3) for West London Youth FC, leaking portabin store, no toilets, changing or refreshment facilities	Medium term & high priority	Consider options to relocate football and tennis use to an enhanced outdoor sport hub at Feltham Parks and re-designate for informal outdoor sport and recreation	LBH
Heston Park	Heston Central	Tennis courts (2 porous macadam); cricket NTP and NT nets' 3G MUGAs	N/A - upgraded 2016		LBH
Heston Sports Ground (Concorde Club)	Heston	Tennis (12) 6 upgraded in 2010 and used by Middlesex LTA; Football Pitches; Bowling Green; Cricket pitches (2) with non turf wickets; recently upgraded pavilion clubhouse	Medium term & medium priority	Review works required to improve DDA and mixed gender use	Imperial College (lease from BAA)
Staines RFC	Feltham	Rugby pitches (4 - two floodlit) and a football pitch (hired to Sunbury FC) and large pavilion	Medium term & medium priority	Consider options for potential expansion of pitches on to adjacent land subject to feasibility and planning	Club (own freehold)

5.3 Sport specific playing pitch sites

Sport specific priority sports grounds are designated as Outdoor Sports Facilities and are protected and maintained for sports use only with the presumption that the sites be developed in favour of outdoor sport to enhance existing activities and facilities. Playing as well as ancillary facilities will be either maintained or developed to meet the required standards laid down by the relevant national governing body of that sport. Future developments could include the rebuilding of pavilions and /or changing rooms to ensure the facilities meet league standards for a given sport provided a business plan shows that the buildings are sustainable in terms of the ongoing costs of managing the asset.

Current provision could also be enhanced by developing a site to become dual purpose (e.g. a football ground might be developed to include a cricket wicket, to allow for year round use of the site). The user catchments will vary between facilities depending on the level of competition hosted at each site.

Discontinuity of provision at any of these sites would cause major issues for the delivery of the specific sport. These sport specific sites where facility enhancement needs are identified are additional to the multi sport sites in 5.1. and 5.2 above. Unlike its neighbour borough of Ealing, Hounslow borough has no dedicated cricket grounds. Also, none of the hockey AGPs are used exclusively for hockey; all the sand and water based pitches also have some football use. In the west sub area, there are no sites that are dedicated exclusively to the sports of rugby, bowls or tennis.

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
Football - (additional to actions on hub and multi sport sites in 5.1 and 5.2 above)					
EAST					
Carville Hall Park North	Brentford	Football pitch and training area with small pavilion used under licence to Spartans YFC	Short term & high priority	New modular changing room block	LBH £100k
Chiswick School Sports Centre	Chiswick	Football pitch, small (34x20m) floodlit FTP, sports hall 5v5, school changing rooms	n/a	No facility needs identified	School
St Paul's Recreation Ground	Brentford	Heavily used for youth football (Brentford United Youth) - no permanently marked pitches or ancillary facilities	n/a	No facility needs identified	LBH
The Green (Girls) School	Isleworth	Football pitches (2) poor quality and low grade pavilion with extensive use for community football (Conquest FC)	Medium term & low priority	Upgrade pitches and pavilion	School
Football - (additional to actions on hub and multi sport sites in 5.1 and 5.2 above)					
WEST					
Beavers Primary School & Sports Lodge	Bedfont	Football pitches (2) and 5v5 floodlit FTP and four team changing rooms used extensively by CB Hounslow and Conquest FC. Good quality	n/a	No facility needs identified	School
Orchard Sports Ground	Bedfont	Football pitches (including a floodlit stadium pitch) and floodlit 5v5 FTP plus pavilion building	Short term & high priority	Upgrade of Orchard Sports Ground pitch to 3G FTP	Club leaseholder £575k
Blenheim Park	Feltham	Football pitches (3) licenced to club and supported by off site pavilion (CB Hounslow Social Club)	Medium term & high priority	Heavily used /worn pitches - Enhancement or replacement FTP to be considered as part of Feltham Parks master plan	LBH tbc
Feltham Garrison	Feltham	Football pitches (4) and dedicated pavilion building with community use at weekends (Feltham Garrison FC)		No facility needs identified	MOD
Green Lane Sports Ground (closed)	Feltham	Disused football pitches (5)	On site in 2016/17	Reinstate football pitches and pavilion (Potential floodlit Community 3G)	Club leaseholder

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
				FTP in longer term)	£700+
Rectory Meadow (Hanworth Villa)	Hanworth, Feltham	Stadium football pitch licenced to Hanworth Villa FC, and 2 other football pitches used by a range of teams	Medium term & low priority	Leveling works to stadium pitch	Club tbc

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
Rugby - (additional to actions on hub and multi sport sites in 5.1 and 5.2 above)					
	EAST				
Twickenham RFC	Hampton	Rugby pitches (6) with training lights to one pitch, good clubhouse facilities. Changing rooms and showers need upgrading and extending to accommodate mixed gender use for training and matches	Lights - Short term & high priority Other actions - medium term & medium priority	Installation of energy efficient floodlighting to main pitch Upgrading and extending of changing rooms to improve capacity for mixed gender use Upgrade of training pitch and leveling of rear pitch	Club (long lease from Thames Water) tbc

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
Bowls - (additional to actions on hub and multi sport sites in 5.1 and 5.2 above)					
	EAST				
Hounslow Conservative Club	Hounslow	6 rink bowling green (and closed tennis courts used for motorcycle training) plus pavilion	Medium term & medium priority	Consider alternative use for the closed tennis courts	Club
Redlees Park (Isleworth BC)	Isleworth	6 rink bowling green & pavilion with on site car parking	Short term & high priority	Review enhancement requirements as part of Redlees Park master plan (possible green share / club merger with Osterley BC)	LBH
Thornbury Park (Osterley BC)	Osterley	6 rink bowling rink and poor quality pavilion with no hot water or on site parking	Medium term & medium priority	Consider the sustainability of this club and green and potential for alternative use (see above)	LBH
Promenade Approach Road (Masonians BC)	Chiswick	6 rink bowling green and pavilion	Medium term & high priority	Review enhancement requirements as part of Duke's Meadows master plan	LBH

Venue	Location	Existing facilities	Timescale & Priority	Actions	Lead & Cost est.
Tennis - free to use Park courts (additional to actions on hub and multi sport sites in 5.1 and 5.2 above)					
	EAST				
Jersey Gardens	Brentford	2 low quality dense macadam courts with no ancillary facilities	Medium term & medium priority	Consider for alternative use when Gunnersbury completed	LBH
Tennis - club sites					
	EAST				
St Mary's TC	Isleworth	3 European clay courts, good pavilion	Medium term & medium priority	Floodlights for year round play (Upgrade courts to synthetic clay in long term)	Club
Thistleworth LTC	Osterley	7 artificial grass courts, 3 floodlit, wooden pavilion recently retiled roof	Medium term & medium priority	Resurface courts, upgrade pavilion	Club

6. Summary

This Playing Pitch Strategy provides the evidence base of playing pitch community infrastructure priorities in Hounslow Borough to 2030 to inform future Local Plan preparation and review, and the decision making process. It will guide strategic planning and investment decisions relating to playing pitches in the borough during this period.

A Steering Group of key partner agencies and stakeholders has governed the PPS development process. These agencies, along with local sports clubs and community sport partners, will work together to implement the Strategy.

Hounslow Council is committed to ensuring that there are accessible, high quality and well-used playing pitches in the borough in accordance with its environment objective to maintain and enhance the borough's green infrastructure, and its health objective to increase the number of people with active lifestyles.

The Council is supportive of working with partners to protect and attract investment to improve playing pitch facilities across the borough and this strategy provides the blueprint for this work up to 2030.